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Beavers, Cubs and Explorers at the Sea Scouts' centenary camp



THE 1st Barry Sea Scouts centenary camp took place recently in September near Porthcawl.

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers all camped and took part in activities that included wide games, beach activities, challenges, walks and a big camp fire with fire-works.

The centenary celebrations continue on Saturday October 8, with a dinner dance for over-18s at the Memorial Hall, Barry.

For further details, call 01446 420825, or email firstbarry-seascouts@ntlworld.com.

MEAN METAL THIEVES REACH NEW LOW Signs are pillaged at the Merthyr Dyfan cemetery

'The lowest of the low' - that's how one Barry town councillor described the thieves who stole signs worth thousands of pounds from the town's cemetery

overnight on Monday, September 26.

The GEM spoke to Coun Nic Hodges on Tuesday, just minutes after he had visited the cemetery following a call from officers who had alerted him to the thefts.

by TIM CHAPMAN

Coun Hodges, who is also the chairman of The Friends of Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, contrasted the pleasant events that took place at the cemetery on Saturday

with the darker deeds of Monday night.

"On Saturday, we had an 'open day' run by the town council - with the staff helping people to trace their family trees and giving people tours of the cemetery - it is a part of our history.

"Now we have the theft of the signs, which is very depressing. During my visit, I noticed that they had even taken the small 'marker' signs.

"They are the lowest of the low. Scrapyards will be notified. These people will have possibly made a few quid, but will have cost local taxpayers thousands of pounds."

"The thieves have defiled the cemetery, shown disrespect, and it is very upsetting."

Among those shocked by the theft of the signs was local resident Bryn Evans, who makes regular trips to the cemetery.

Mr Evans' mother, father, brother, two sisters and a great grandson have been buried there.

He said: "It is malicious vandalism for gain in a sentimental area. It is a gutless theft."

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Young mum gets vital NHS funds

by TIM CHAPMAN

A young Barry mother is to receive funds of £22,000 from the NHS - to enable her to receive a revolutionary cancer treatment.

Karen Holroyd, who was diagnosed with cervical cancer last year, has endured gruelling treatments in chemotherapy and radiotherapy, but the 'cyberknife' process has given her new hope.

In recent months, family and friends had rallied round 'Karen's Cause', a group dedicated to raising the £22,000, required for the treatment, but this week, Karen received some welcome, but unexpected news.

She explained: "I have received confirmation this week that the NHS are going to fund the whole of my treatment."

"I am not sure why this has happened, but I will be travelling to Mount Vernon hospital in Middlesex in October for 'cyberknife' - which will take approximately one week.

"To clarify for everyone, the fundraising will still continue, as I am hoping to register Karen's Cause as a charity, which will aim to promote awareness of 'cyberknife' and its benefits - and also raise funds towards a machine being brought to Wales."

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Karen Holroyd (right) with one of the supporters of Karen's Cause, Ceri Palmer.

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Cemetery's role in life of the town

By sheer coincidence (with reference to our lead story) two letters on page 2 emphasise the spiritual importance of Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery to the people of the town.

Dr Jonathan Hicks remembers Leading Aircraftwoman Hazel Burton who is buried there.

Val Hartrey describes the success of the 'open day' held at the cemetery just last Saturday.

The sadness is that a small group of people don't appear to understand the emotional importance it has for many people in Barry and elsewhere.

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POWER OF THE PRESS..

AH, The power of the press!

Thank you to The GEM for printing my letter on September 15, concerning the blight caused to Thompson Street, Barry, by the derelict site next to the Liberal Club.

Hey presto! Within days, the site had been tidied up and looks a lot better; let us hope it stays that way.

Thank you to whoever cleared the site. Perhaps the owner, perhaps the council? The day before – Saturday – I noted its new almost 'spic-and-span' appearance.

I had raised this issue with Coun Jeff James; he is not of my political persuasion, and it is not his electoral ward, but he said he would contact the owner – and action took place.

If it was you, Jeff, then thank you.

Christopher Short, Barry.

Councillor's apology

IT has now been several weeks since Coun Anthony Ernest made his disgraceful remarks about Barry and its residents.

How dare he offer a grovelling apology several weeks down the line? Are there elections coming up? Can I suggest that Mr Ernest does the decent thing and sling his hook as soon as possible?

I resent the fact that I pay council tax, some of which goes towards this person's thirty-odd thousand pounds allowances and expenses.

We have a council leader and chief executive who obviously condone this sort of behaviour from their councillors.

Mr Ernest, without making the air blue, you know what you can do with your sick apology. DJ Radford, Barry.

Insulted by apology

IHAVE never before felt so enraged or insulted by the actions and verbal diarrhoea of a cabinet member at the Vale Council.

Firstly, Coun Anthony Ernest makes false accusations and totally misleading statements about the people of Barry and the money supposedly spent on Barry and Barry Island; then, after much deliberation (taking six weeks to reply) he decides to apologise for his rants.

He then goes on to say that he will continue to play his part in encouraging as much public and private sector investment as possible; and adds that it is always important that "we as a council, listen to people and do everything possible to ensure Barry is a great place to live and work."

So he unreservedly apologises for the comments he made in The GEM on August 4...

What a load of trash; he must think the people in Barry can be regarded as

some kind of mountain sheep prepared to believe all that is said to them.

The damage is beyond repair – he has insulted the intelligence of hard working and proud people with his unkind, vociferous, and outrageous comments.

I questioned the amount of money he alleged was spent on Barry Island. According to details obtained through Freedom of Information, his figures do not stack up.

He says more was spent on Barry Island and Barry than other smaller towns like Llantwit Major.

Does his statement include the approximate £19m spent on the new school in the also much smaller town of Cowbridge?

It is alleged by many that the new school is a waste of money and was not needed.

Coun Ernest's apology seems like a pathetic attempt to save his bacon.

Barrie V Evans, FocusBARRY Supporter

THE COLUMN YOU WRITE

Readers' Letters

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Llandow waste site: access to be improved

THERE have been a number of readers' letters featured in your newspaper recently, concerning the poor state of the access road leading to our household waste recycling facility (HWRC) at Llandow.

This issue was also raised with me personally at the recent Vale on the Road event at the Cowbridge Town Hall.

Could I firstly say that I have every sympathy with users of our HWRC. Having at first hand witnessed the appalling state of the approach road, I am not at all surprised with the strength of local feeling currently being expressed on this matter.

This situation is very frustrating for your readers and elected members alike, as the Vale of Glamorgan Council is merely a tenant of the estate on which the HWRC is located. Unfortunately, we therefore have no authority over the estate owners to compel them to repair the access road to this most important facility.

Our officers have, however, been in correspondence with the agents acting on behalf of the landowner for some considerable time, encouraging them in the strongest terms to undertake the neces-

sary repairs to make the site safe.

I am pleased to advise that they have recently had some success in this regard, with the agents promising to undertake over £14k worth of highway surfacing work along the access roads to our site in the near future.

We are currently awaiting a start date for this work and hope that it will be followed by any other highway remedial work that may be required, along with an appropriate future highway inspection and maintenance plan.

Recycling is important to the council and I will consider all options to avoid being placed in a similar situation again.

I have, therefore, tasked my officers with investigating options for a possible alternative HWRC site within the western Vale area.

Coun Geoffrey Cox, Cabinet minister for visible and building services, Vale Council.

Irish mum backs Welsh language

IAM writing in response to Heather Montgomery's letter in The GEM on September 22. My son attends Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant and I was bemused by her letter.

Is she actually suggesting that a better use for our new school would be to use it to teach children from the Comprehensive school Welsh place names?

Surely they're well able to read these already? I think it's so important to have our own Welsh language school in Llantwit Major and to promote learning through the medium of Welsh.

It has been proven that bilingual children use a higher percentage

of their brain than children with one language – not to mention the fact that it's important to be able to speak one's own language in one's own country.

I'm Irish and so proud that I can speak a little Irish and have always wished I was fluent. Had I remained in Ireland, my sons would have attended Irish language school.

My boys are half Welsh and I'm so proud they'll speak Welsh fluently.

She says: "English is the international language now being taught worldwide" – but my boys can already speak English. Now they will learn to speak their own beautiful language – one to be proud of!

Sharon Boulton, Llantwit Major

'Welsh is still a living language'

Heather Montgomery (The GEM, September 22) suggests that because English is the main universal language, there is no point in Welsh-medium schools using Welsh as a living language.

I do not follow the logic.

Luckily, we do not have the mammoth task of learning English as a second language and are, therefore, free to enjoy our own.

Our language is still here, a living language to tens of thousands, despite periods of deliberate destruction

by our London rulers.

Heather Montgomery wants Welsh to be taught in school as a history lesson. What an insult! My family and I are not museum pieces.

Unlike English, our language is directly descended from that of the Britons, a fact of which we should be proud.

I would hope that all Britons, whatever their origins, would support Welsh-medium education as an important building block in our children's identity, and the future development of our language.

Niclas ap Glyn, Penarth.

Faith in human nature restored

THERE are still Good Samaritans out there! I wonder if you could pass on my thanks to the gentleman who handed in my bag to Morrisons customer services, and also to the member of staff who went to such lengths to contact me?

My car keys and mobile phone were in the bag and due to a disability, I am very forgetful – hence leaving my bag in the trolley.

I must admit to feeling that it was a lost cause, as I approached

the customer service desk, due to recent incidents I'd heard about; but I was relieved almost to tears when I found that the bag and all of its contents had been handed in.

Plus, the lady working on the customer service desk had even tried to contact me via my mobile phone contacts – above and beyond her job description, given that it was my own fault for leaving the bag unattended in the first place.

So please pass on my thanks to them and I want them to know that they have restored my faith in human nature. Michelle Chamberlain, Barry.

Helping hand for the Haiti families

THANK you for the item in The GEM regarding the fundraising evening for Haiti held at the Market Street Club, Barry.

There is a cholera epidemic in Haiti and thousands of lives could be saved by ensuring that the people have access to simple water filtration systems costing just £22 each.

The evening was a resounding success and

the generosity of the members and guests very inspiring.

The times are generally regarded as tough, but we raised around £300 which will provide about 18 filtration systems.

Compassion, the charity for which I am an advocate, is hoping to provide the family of sponsored children in Haiti with a system.

Many thanks to all who attended the show. Godfrey Knight, Barry.

Impressed by town cemetery

IVISITED Merthyr Dyfan cemetery last Saturday, with my cousin from Barry (whose relatives are at rest there) and a friend who had recently moved to the area.

We were taken on a walking tour of particularly interesting headstones from a local history angle by Coun Nic Hodges of Barry Town Council and his talk was very interesting and informative.

As my cousin had

taught in Barry for many years and is, indeed, a Barrian, she was able to fully appreciate all the history of the families.

We were all impressed with the excellent state of the cemetery and the peaceful atmosphere.

I would like to congratulate all those involved in the day-to-day upkeep of the place.

I enjoy visiting such places and will certainly be going back there again.

Val Hartrey, Dinas Powys.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL OCTOBER 6)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
29 Thur	09.13	10.6	21.35	10.8
30 Fri	09.59	10.6	22.17	10.4
01 Sat	10.41	10.1	23.03	9.8
02 Sun	11.23	9.5	23.48	9.2
03 Mon			12.07	8.8
04 Tues	00.39	8.4	13.11	8.3
05 Wed	01.46	7.7	14.31	7.9
06 Thur	02.22	7.5	16.02	7.8

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Barry man jailed after threatening a local pensioner

A PENSIONER suffering a serious medical condition, who was confronted by a burglar as he lay asleep on the sofa, bravely faced up to the intruder and began "shouting and swearing" at him, Cardiff Crown Court heard.

Dean Glanville (35) of High Street, Barry, was jailed for three years.

He pleaded guilty to burglary, but on the basis that Mr Arthur Neal (71) the householder, attacked him.

But Mr Justice Roderick Evans rejected the basis of the plea and said it had been completely false, and he had told lies about the incident.

Prosecutor Julian Greenwood said the Crown rejected the basis of Glanville's plea.

Mr Neal told the court: "It happened in the early hours of June 1, and it was like a dream.

"I saw this face in front of me and I felt pressure on my chest. I could not believe what was going on. At the time, I had been sleeping on a settee in my living room."

Mr Neal said he lived in Main Street, Barry, and was suddenly aware of a man above him.

"I kind of lost my temper a bit, shouting and swearing. I fell off the settee, and he tried to get through a window, but he banged his head."

He then believed the intruder was "going for him". He said that Glanville went into another room and barricaded the door.

Mr Neal said he got in and saw Glanville threatening him with a piece of wood and a length of board. Moments later, he said Glanville scur-

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

ried out of the house, losing a trainer and sock.

Mr Neal denied behaving aggressively and added: "He really had a go at me."

He denied an allegation that he grabbed Glanville by the throat and tried to strangle him.

"Now I have nerves all the time, wherever I go. I've got everything barricaded, and it's not a way a person should live."

The court was told that Glanville said he was struck across the head with a pole by Mr Neal, who tried to strangle him.

Glanville also claimed that at one point he passed out and believed he was going to be raped.

Said the judge: "I have no hesitation in rejecting a completely fictitious account from this defendant."

He said that although nothing of significance was taken, it was a serious matter, not only because Glanville had convictions for burglary, but because he confronted a 71-year-old householder suffering from a serious medical condition.

"Your effect upon him has been significant," he added.

ACTION CALL BY FOE GROUP

BARRY and Vale FoE will hold its next meeting on October 4, in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry, at 7.30pm.

Group co-ordinator, Keith Stockdale, will report back from the FoE UK conference, where four ex-directors and the new director, Andy Atkins, called for urgent action, as the tipping point for global storming approaches. Fracking was the major concern.

SCHOOL'S ACCOMMODATION PLEA FOR FOREIGN PUPILS

EACH year, Barry Comprehensive School welcomes a large number of international students to the Sixth Form.

"This year, students have travelled from Denmark, Germany, Italy, Norway and Slovakia to study with Barry Sixth Form for one year," said spokesman Andrew Clissett.

"The visiting students benefit from the experience of a year in Wales, while local students benefit from interacting with their peers from across Europe."

"The availability of suitable accommodation restricts the number of students we can welcome to Barry."

"We would be interested to hear from local residents who can help with accommodation for this year's intake. Please contact us on 01446 41141."



Pictured here are Barry Comprehensive School's International Students 2011.

Joy for Karen as she gets funding

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

She added: "We have many upcoming events, all of which will go ahead as planned, and I really hope everyone will continue to support us."

"I'd like to thank everyone who has supported Karen's Cause, and Carol Jones at Barry Rugby Club for continuing to hold events for us."

Karen has a 10-year-old son, Elliot, and a supportive partner, Anthony Frost, whose 10-year-old son, Jacob, often stays with the

family. Karen added: "I also want to thank my committee, as they have supported me so much, and my partner Anthony for being there through all of the treatment."

One of the fund's organisers, Ceri Palmer, told The GEM: "The latest event, called 'Race Night', was held at Barry Rugby Club, on October 21 at 7.30pm."

"Thanks to Wayne Wheadon, who organised the evening and ran the races, it was a success."

A signed Wales rugby top was auctioned for £260 and a raffle took place, helping to bring the total to a massive £1,593.45 on the night!

"This has brought the overall total raised for Karen's Cause to the £10,000 mark."

Ceri added: "We have a few other events lined up, including a bingo and karaoke night with raffle at Barry Rugby Club, on October 21 at 7.30pm."

Companies or individuals wanting to help or attend the charity evenings, should call 07703 778 419; email karen-scause@hotmail.co.uk or go to www.karenscause.co.uk for more information.

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Chicken/Lamb Tikka	£5.70	£5.70	£5.70	£5.70	£5.70	£5.70	£5.70	£5.70	£5.70	£5.70	£5.70
Vegetable	£3.95	£3.95	£3.95	£3.95	£3.95	£3.95	£3.95	£3.95	£3.95	£3.95	£3.95
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Island's Red Cross day centre set for closure

A popular day care centre on Barry Island is facing closure – after the British Red Cross decided to pull out.

The centre, an extended bungalow, is based at Breaksea Drive, and provides up to 18 places for elderly day visitors.

A second Red Cross centre in St Athan is also facing closure.

The doors at Barry Island will shut next month, on October 31, while St Athan will stay open longer, until the end of May, 2012.

The news was revealed in a report to the Vale Council cabinet, and council officers reported that "urgent action" was being taken to find spaces in other venues for people who use the day centre on the Island.

In the case of Barry, it is hoped to find places at Rondel House, while in St Athan, there are hopes that the service, in the Methodist Church-owned Gathering Place, could be saved if the council and church can agree on terms for continuing the service.

The British Red Cross has, for some years supported frail older people and those with dementia-related illnesses at the centres, but it has now pulled out for "strategic reasons".

The report to cabinet said that the Barry Island day centre can support up



The Red Cross day centre on Barry Island is to close next month.

to 18 people a day, Monday to Friday.

In the current financial year, actual attendance has been nine people per day on average. A total of 31 people use the service, including a number of self-funding clients.

The St. Athan day service is run from the Gathering Place, a building leased from the St Athan Methodist Church.

This service offers up to 10 placements a day, Monday to Friday. Average attendance in 2011/12 is six per day, and a total of 23 people use the service.

The report says that the Barry Island day centre previously received funding from the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board for 10 places a day.

When this funding stream ceased in March 2010, the council stepped in to examine ways of increasing the number of placements

by GEM STAFF

and the income generated. The social services directorate agreed to pay an increased daily charge per service user from April, 2011.

The report says that people who use the Barry Island day centre could be found places at Rondel House, and also at the Gathering Place.

The report also states that this will involve some changes to capacity and travel arrangements, but adds that each day centre client will be personally consulted.

The Red Cross and the Vale Council issued a joint statement, which said: "The British Red Cross is working with the Vale Council to arrange a smooth transition to new day care services for people attending the Barry Day care centre."

"The Red Cross is keeping service users, their families and carers fully informed about the

changes, which will take place at the end of October. Crucially, they have been told their care will continue, albeit with an alternative provider."

Lisa Kenny, Red Cross senior services manager, explained: "The Red Cross has been providing a day care service in Barry for more than 10 years and during that time, our staff and volunteers have helped many vulnerable people."

"However, looking to the future, the Red Cross will focus on providing short-term crisis care and support in the home for people after an accident or illness, giving them the confidence to continue their daily lives and reducing the time they need to spend in hospital."

"The day care service is not funded by the Red Cross and so can move to other providers. We are, of course, working hard to make the transition as smooth as possible for our beneficiaries."

Lance Carver, the Vale

'Honour the dead' – call by council

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)
Coun Hodges

appealed for the thieves to return what they had stolen, pointing out: "In the absence of a museum this is where our history and the people of Barry are remembered."

The cost of the thefts is estimated at between £3,500 and £5,500.

The town council issued the following statement:

"Barry Town Council is disappointed that it has had to report to South Wales Police a major theft that took place at the Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, Barry, between the hours of 5pm and 8.30am on Monday and Tuesday, September 26-27."

"The thieves took signage from all areas of the cemetery grounds, including the disabled and toilet signs."

"These signs are for the newly-bereaved and visitors to the cemetery, and are a vital part of the smooth running of the cemetery."

"The signs were made of metal, so it is obvious that they are likely to be sold as scrap – as is so often reported in the press."

"Barry Town Council would ask all scrap



ABOVE:
Coun Nic Hodges has called on the culprits to return the signs.

metal merchants to honour the dead by reporting anyone attempting to sell these signs.

"Obviously, if the signs are not returned, it will be extremely difficult for Barry Town Council to be able to replace the signs in a short period of time, due to the manufacturing process."

"The council would ask that the public be aware that it will restore the cemetery to its previous standard as

quickly as is reasonably possible."

Barry Town Council added a depressing footnote to the statement:

"We would like to warn other local burial authorities to be alert to this problem."

If anyone has any information on the thefts, they should contact Barry Police Station on 01446 734 451; or alternatively, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Support group's half century

PENARTH fundraising committee for Cancer Research UK is celebrating 50 years of fundraising in Penarth.

"None of the original members is with us today to celebrate, but we have some members who have been fundraising for over 25 years," a spokesperson said.

"Cancer Research UK spent over £4million last year in Wales on some of the UK's leading scientific and clinical research."

"For example, the charity provides funding for the Wales Cancer Trials Network (WCTN). The Network

provides direct support to 18 hospitals across Wales, and aims to boost the number of patients taking part in clinical trials.

"This will help speed up progress in clinical research and gives more patients in Wales the opportunity to receive the latest potential treatments."

The autumn fair will be held in the Paget Rooms on Saturday, October 1, at 10.15am, admission 50p.

The committee is holding a fashion show in the Conservative Club, Penarth on October 6, at 7pm; tickets cost £5.

Labour's choice

BARRY town councillor Claire Curtis and former Vale councillor Anthony Powell, have been selected to fight the Dyfan seat for Labour at the Vale Council elections next May.

Claire Curtis said: "I am looking forward to campaigning to return the Vale seats in Dyfan back to Labour at the next election."

Dyfan resident and former councillor for the ward, Anthony Powell, said: "Dyfan Ward deserves councillors who care for the people in our community and councillors who will work hard and represent the people in the community. That is why I decided to stand for Labour again."

COUNCIL GATES MAKE AREA LOOK LIKE 'GHETTO'...

claims owner of Penny's store

THE owner of a shop on the Gibbonsdown estate claims that a set of gates that have been installed on a walkway alongside his store "make the area look like a ghetto".

Mr Brian Blakemore also claims that the gates, which were built during the summer, have prevented some of his elderly and infirm customers from visiting the shop.

Mr Blakemore, who has owned Penny's store for two years, explained: "The gates are an eyesore and make the place look like a ghetto."

"They are completely unnecessary and a waste of taxpayers' money. "Maybe these sorts of gates are needed elsewhere, but not here."

"They have been constantly locked since they were installed around July."

Mr Blakemore said that it had put off some of

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN



Mr Blakemore, owner of Penny's store, says the walkway gates next to his shop are "unnecessary and ugly".

his customers from visiting the store.

"One man, who has mobility problems, used to come through the walkway on his Zimmer frame."

"A lady from over the back who has Alzheimer's knew the way to come, but doesn't any more because it has disorientated her."

"Another lady in her 80s, who has had a hip replacement, can't get down here."

Mr Blakemore points out that people could make it to the shop, but depending on where potential customers live, it could involve a significant detour, and even walking on the road of Pendoylan Close rather than on the safety of a pavement.

He said that he understood the local residents' board had asked for the gates because of allegations of drinking and drug-taking by youngsters in the walkway.

But he insisted: "That's not true at all."

He said he was also

concerned that if a fire was started inside a walkway with locked gates, it would pose a hazard to safety.

However, the local residents' board pointed out the issue of anti-social behaviour in the walkway had been raised with the police, and the Vale Council said a consultation process had been carried out.

Molly Conway, the Chair of the local residents' board, explained: "When the underpass was lit and open, there were occasions when up to 20 youths could gather to drink and smoke drugs."

"The issue has been raised at PACT meetings over quite a long time."

"Since the gates were put up, I have had letters of thanks from residents saying what a difference it had made - one letter said they were not having to endure the noise and swearing any more."

Mike Ingram, the Vale Council's operational manager for public sector housing, commented:

"The closure of six underpasses contained within the Gibbonsdown estate was proposed by the police and Gibbonsdown Residents' Board, to combat issues of anti-social behaviour and crime that they attracted."

"These covered areas provided opportunities for individuals to gather and led to complaints of intimidation, drug use and noise adjacent to residents' homes."

"The residents' board, as part of the consultation process, wrote to all affected residents, informally advising them of the proposals, in addition to the formal statutory closure process undertaken by the council."

"This included public notices and consultation with the relevant statutory bodies and personal letters to each property directly affected."

"I understand that no objections were received."

He went on: "The stopping-up of the adopted highway also required individual surveys of the proposed areas and, where required, the housing department were required to alter or add additional areas of pavement."

Mr Ingram added: "Since the gates were installed we have received a complaint from the owner of Penny's store."

"The department is currently considering the issues raised in his correspondence concerning quality and appearance, he concluded."

READERS' LETTERS

Sea Scouts call for memories

THE 5th Barry Sea Scouts are planning an anniversary ball on October 8 at Barry Masonic Hall to celebrate the troop's 60th year in Barry.

Part of the event will be a historic display and reminiscences and we are keen to contact anyone who has been involved with the troop who might have interesting stories, photographs or memories.

We would also welcome any former members, supporters or families of existing members who would like to come along to what will be a fun evening.

Further information can be found on the website - www.5thbarryseascouts.org.uk or by contacting the Group Scout Leader Keith McIntyre on 07855 463293.

Nigel Vick, Barry.

'PUT HALL TO SERIOUS USE'

WHAT exactly does Dorothy Connell mean in her GEM letter of September 15, by "understanding completely" why Penarth, Ewenny and Fônnon Castle were chosen as venues for concerts as part of the Vale Festival of Music?

I will need to check up on the seating capacity of the Memorial Hall here in Barry, but I feel sure it is more than 250 - surely large enough for a concert of the music festival kind?

No, the trouble lies with the fact that intellectual pursuits do not bring in the cash, as do noisy dance shows or pantomimes, TV per-

sonalities and such.

Well done, to the Portcheri Centre, but we need a couple of big events with well-known soloists to waken this town to the pleasures of so-called serious music.

If the committee at the above centre could organise something like that, we will be off to a flying start, putting the Memorial Hall to an overdue intellectual use.

Following this good beginning, the organisers of the Vale Festival (who are they, by the way?) might see fit to grace us with one of their concerts.

Mrs P Weaving, Barry

Councillors' surgery

LABOUR councillors for Castledward ward, Barry, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake and Karl Kuhnell, will be holding their regular monthly advice surgery on Saturday, October 1, between 10.30am and 12pm at the Drop-In Centre, 3 Dunlin Court, Thompson Street Estate, Barry.

No appointment needed. If you need advice, but can't attend the surgery, contact Coun Chris Elmore on 07867 506116 or 01446 402220.

Inspirational Jieying who 'didn't drop single mark'



Jieying at Jesus College, Cambridge.

Last week, The GEM featured the astonishing achievement of a Chinese teenager who arrived in the country in 2009 and has won a place at Cambridge University.

Jieying Luo from Barry, aged 19, achieved four A* A-Levels while struggling to learn the English language.

Following The GEM's story, Saint David's Catholic College in Cardiff, where Jieying studied, got in touch with us to underline her amazing achievement and to highlight a particular feature of it.

Alwyn Lloyd, the assistant principal of the college, said: "Jieying

came to St David's and studied physics, chemistry, mathematics and further mathematics at A-Level.

"She gained A*s in all her subjects with the amazing feat of not dropping a single mark in the upper sixth!"

"She was also a major contributor to St David's Engineering Scheme."

"The college is proud of the achievements of Jieying. She is an inspirational student and we would like to wish her well in her studies at Cambridge."

Jieying is currently working for a company in Gloucestershire during a 'gap year', and will begin her engineering course in Cambridge next year.

Stitch'n bitch

STITCH 'N' BITCH, held their first Barry meeting at the Senior Health Shop Holton, Barry, when 18 ladies enjoyed various crafts, including knitting, crochet, embroidery and sewing.

For more information, contact Monica on 07811159800 or email mdennis.wales@gmail.com

One woman's world at the Rotary Club



Left to right: Vice-president Shaun Doyle, Rotarian Tony Stephen, Mrs Younghusband, and president Ged Crosby.

DINAS POWYS Rotary Club air - essential for establishing recently had a very interesting talk Britain's defence network and for by Sully resident, Mrs Eileen Younghusband, on her time in the Filter Rooms of Fighter Command during the war.

Together with a team of fellow WAAF officers, she was responsible for estimating position, height and number of enemy forces in the

A vote of thanks was given by Rotarian Tony Stephens.



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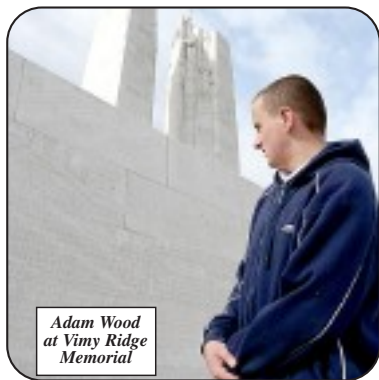
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LOCAL CADETS ARE MOVED BY VISIT TO THE FIRST WORLD WAR BATTLEFIELDS



Adam Wood at Vimy Ridge Memorial

NINETEEN Air Cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron recently travelled to Europe to pay homage to those who lost their lives fighting for their countries in the great wars.

Along with other Air Cadets from Penarth, Caerleon, Pontyclun, Ely, Aberdare, Newport and Blackwood, the visit took place over a long weekend and encompassed the war memorials and battlefields of Ypres Salient,

in Belgium and those of the Somme, in France.

The cadets stayed as guests of the Belgium Army in Ypres, and were able to witness and parade with members of the local fire brigade performing the moving 'Last Post' ceremony at the Menin Gate.

As a sign of respect, the cadets laid poppy wreaths on behalf of the Royal British Legion and 372 (Barry) Squadron.

Cadet Sam Lazenbury said: "We also went to Thiepval on the Somme to see where the fierce fighting took place."

"When you stand on the battlefields, it's amazing to think that in July 1916, this is where so many soldiers fought and died."

The cadets are fully aware of the consequences for war for every nation involved, and also made time to pay their respects at the Canadian War Memorial, Vimy Ridge, 38th Welsh Division Memorial, Mametz Wood, and the memorial at Thiepval, which is dedicated to the 73,367 missing men of the Somme.

The cadets also paid

their respects to the war dead at the following cemeteries: Tyne Cot, Passchendaele, and Langemark.

It was a very busy few days, with an enormous amount of travelling. However, the cadets all felt that it was a worthwhile and emotional experience.

Seeing the battlefields and memorials at first hand brings history closer to our present and not just left in the past.

These men who died for their countries will not be forgotten by the cadets.

The air cadets are now looking forward to an action-packed and challenging training programme – including flying, gliding, shooting, sport. Duke of Edinburgh awards, leadership training and aviation related visits.

372 Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 13-18 years old. The Squadron parade on Mondays and Wednesdays, 7pm-9.30pm behind Adams Funeral Parlour (by the Memorial Hall). Contact the Squadron on 01446 747734 or email oc.372@aircadets.org for more information.

JASON HORTON
(Commanding Officer)

Choir set for concert

BARRY Male Voice choristers have returned to practice, following their summer break.

Their recent appearance at the Glanfa stage of the Millennium Centre with Darcy Hamilton as soloist, was followed by charity concerts at the SWALEC Stadium, Cardiff, and Tabernaacle Church, Penarth.

Ahead is a wedding engagement before the choir's 109th annual concert at St Helen's Roman Catholic Church, Court Road, Barry on October 7 at 7pm.

Tickets (£6) are available from choristers, from the secretary (01446 746387) or at the door.

The varied programme will include opera choruses, Welsh hymns and subtle harmonies. Musical direction will, as usual, be provided by Dorothy Connell and accompanist Emma Arcott.

The choir welcome Ffion Perrett as soprano soloist, who was educated at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, Barry, and is now following the vocal and opera course at the Royal Northern College of Music.



In brief

Photo display in Park
LOCAL historian Tom Clemett returns to Victoria Park, Barry, with another collection of historic photographs and reminders of old Barry.

He has unearthed another batch of photos showing Barry Docks and the Island, the Bailey Dry Dock, and ships and surroundings from the golden age of Barry.

Tom describes the exhibition as "a miscellany of pictures from early 19th Century until 2000, with a lot of all-new material. I hope people will enjoy them."

It runs until November 6 from 10am to 4pm on weekdays.

Family service
ALL Saints Church, Victoria Square, Penarth, is holding a special family service to celebrate Harvest on Sunday, October 2, at 10am.

Refreshments will be served afterwards. Gifts of fresh fruit and vegetables or dry goods would be appreciated, for later distribution within the parish. All are welcome.

Alpha course
THE parish of Penarth All Saints is launching another Alpha course this autumn – an informal way to explore the Christian faith.

It will begin with a 'taster' session on October 5 at 7.30pm.

All are welcome, of any faith background, or none. For further details, contact Becca on 02920 709467.

NEWS FROM PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Just walking in the rain!

FIVE walkers (and Bruno the dog) joined leaders Krys and Pam in the car park near the imposing Llandaff Cathedral on a rather over-cast Sunday morning.

The present cathedral dates back to 1107 and, up until the time of Henry VIII, pilgrims flocked to the shrine of St Teilo, whose tomb still remains inside.

After the Reformation, it fell into disrepair and constant restoration work is still ongoing.

Going upstream along the riverbank past Llandaff Rowing Club, the rain began to fall heavily. Reaching the next road bridge to cross to the opposite side of

the river, the decision was made to shorten the walk. So they followed the river bank down to the next bridge and crossing, and made a rather soggy return back to Llandaff for the homeward journey.

On October 1, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a seven-mile moderate walk from Llanfrynach to Cwm Oergwm.

Pack two plastic bags just in case, as there is a stream to be crossed. Contact Clive on 029 2065 4156.

On October 2, meet at 9am at Cogan for a nine-mile moderate walk at Sugar Loaf Mountain; contact Nick on 01446 420540.

Membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD

£750,000 grants for Vale volunteers

THE Vale Council has awarded a total of £750,000 to 225 voluntary organisations in the county.

The volunteers were honoured at Art Central, Barry, last week.

A number of organisations were present, including the local branches of the Royal British Legion and the Royal Air Force

Association, Penarth Horticultural Society and the Barry Island Community Association.

They were joined by several cabinet members and Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Gordon Kemp.

The Barry Male Voice Choir, which sang at the event, was one of the 225 organisations awarded a grant.

Kitemark for Wales – an award for Vale People First

FOLLOWING on from the launch of their film 'The Rights Fighters' at Barry Memorial Hall, Vale People First (a self-advocacy group who support people with learning disabilities to be the representative voice of the Vale) have added to their success.

Following an inspection by Vale Youth

Inspectors, they have been awarded the prestigious National Children and Young People's Participation Kitemark for Wales.

The presentation was held at the Holm View Leisure Centre during the group's regular Vale Youth Speak Up meeting which is held every Thursday between 5pm and 7pm.

Vale Speakup members aged between 11 and 25 contributed to the evening and a variety of home made cakes

were baked by the members, local authority senior staff, Inspectors, parents and carers.

A prize was awarded to the cake voted the best. This resulted in a tie between Shana Byrne, aged 11 and Adam Hughes (22).

New members welcome. Contact Liz Davidson, The Hub, Barry YMCA, Court Road, Cadroxton, CF63 4EE (telephone 01446 724010) for details.



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Round Britain cyclist arrives at Llantwit Major

ANNA HUGHES is cycling around the coast of Britain, having started on August 1, going anti-clockwise from London's Tower Bridge, aiming to get back to the bridge after two and a half months on the road.

Working with campaigns such as Sea More Sense and Sustrans as she goes round, she's raising awareness of environmental issues and

promoting low carbon travel. Last Thursday, was the 53rd day of Anna's journey, and she was joined by her father, Clifton, for a 59-mile coastal ride from Swansea.

Having visited relatives en route, they arrived late, via the St Donats road. She said: "It was a nice ride into Llantwit Major, along country roads, watching the sun grow low in the sky as we rode."

Anna's ride through Wales has involved some

very un-summery weather, but things were looking bright on Friday morning as they headed towards Cardiff: "It was beautifully sunny and we started the day by cycling down to Llantwit beach, where the early morning sun sparkled on the water."

"It was a lovely change to be cycling in the sun, and it's amazing how the weather affects your mood."

"I felt very happy as we followed the coastal road down through Rhosce, past Cardiff Airport and through Porthkerry Country Park along an overgrown bike path and under a grand viaduct," she commented on her blog.

Anna has now cycled more than 3,000 miles. In two weeks, she should be back home in London.

She said: "I'm doing it to see Britain and its incredible coastline, to challenge myself, and to do something amazing without leaving the country."



Anna Hughes and dad Clifton.

'Responsible' dog owners welcomed back to beaches

THE seasonal dog ban on Vale Llantwit Major, Cold Knap, Penarth and Barry Island. The seasonal dog ban on Vale Llantwit Major, Cold Knap, Penarth and Barry Island. The seasonal dog ban on Vale Llantwit Major, Cold Knap, Penarth and Barry Island.

Coun Geoff Cox, cabinet member for visible and building services, who recently met owners in Barry, said: "A restriction exists to protect the interests of bathers, ensuring their safety in summer."

"However, out of season, we welcome responsible dog owners back on our beaches at Southerndown, of £75."

Senior enforcement officer, Denny White, said: "There is no excuse for not picking up after your pet. Failure to do so will attract a fixed penalty fine of £75."

CCTV arrests

THE CCTV operation in the Vale, working under the umbrella of the Safer Vale Partnership, assisted with four arrests in the week ending September 25.

It contacted police on 22 occasions: On September 21, one person wanted on a warrant was arrested in Penarth. The same day, another was arrested on a charge of possession of drugs and an offensive weapon at Dock View Road, Barry.

On September 23, one person was arrested for alleged shoplifting and on September 25, another was arrested concerning possession with intent to supply. Both arrests took place on Holton Road in Barry.

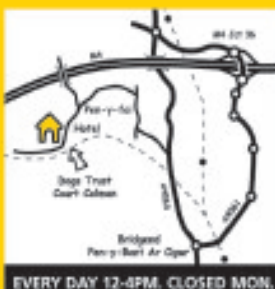
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FIVE PLEDGES FOR A FAIRER FUTURE...

'Welsh Government is reaching out, to deliver in hard times'

IT was a sombre start to the new session at the National Assembly for Wales last week, as we stood together in silence to remember the miners who lost their lives in the Gleision Colliery tragedy.

We were united in response to the statement made by the First Minister, Carwyn Jones AM, with our sympathy for their grieving families so clearly expressed by the leaders of the political parties in the Assembly, who all had a connection with the mining industry or community in their families.

The questions and debates that followed were also serious in tone and I believe this will be the hallmark of the new Assembly term as we face the challenges that beset our global finances – which will significantly affect us here in Wales in terms of economic and social impacts.

I was able to report that the UK Government has

agreed to 'inter-governmental talks' to discuss our fairer funding concerns and the need for borrowing powers to help finance our infrastructure investment.

I talked more about these important opportunities at a breakfast seminar later in the week organised by the Bevan Foundation on the Barnett Formula.

Our response this week is to present our programme for government to reach out to business, communities and the people of Wales to deliver on our Manifesto commitments.

These have had to be carefully considered in terms of cost and impact to show that we are confident they can make a difference as a result of Welsh Government intervention.

The First Minister presented the programme of government to the Assembly with the promise that at its heart there would be five pledges that we offer for a 'fairer future for Wales'.

This will include:

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Vale AM JANE HUTT
(Minister for Finance and Leader of the House)

- More apprenticeships and training for young people.
- More funding for all our schools.
- More children benefiting from free childcare and health visiting.
- Better access to GP surgeries in the evenings and on Saturdays, and health checks for the over-50s.
- An extra 500 police community support officers to keep our streets safe.

A detailed plan for delivery of these pledges has been drawn up alongside

other important commitments made in the manifesto, which will include our commitment to doing all we can to support the economic recovery in Wales, with a particular focus on developing a Wales infrastructure plan for capital investment.

Carwyn Jones has spoken this week about our responsibilities to reach out and deliver for the people of Wales.

This includes action for jobs and growth in the Welsh economy, equipping our young people with the skills they need for the future, providing more and better quality homes and underpinning all these with our commitment to promoting equality of opportunity.

I will be presenting the draft budget for the next three years next week. That will be subject to scrutiny and debate in the Assembly Committees and with our partners in the public and private sector.

I will be meeting with voluntary sector groups and speaking to the economic council to

gauge their views and priorities in these constrained times.

Our Assembly committees are now up and running and they are timetabling their consideration of policy and legislation with our new powers since the Referendum in March.

Assembly Members are committing themselves to a full programme of work to hold the Welsh Government to account, and to consult with external bodies and interest groups to help improve policy and legislative functions.

As the First Minister has said: "We in Wales have shown that people from all backgrounds will come out and vote for a set of policies that offer them vision and hope for the future."

We have got to prove we can deliver on these commitments.

We do not have the monopoly of wisdom and we will reach out in these hard times – in the Assembly, in our communities, with business, trade unions and with our partners in local government.

Crisis foodbank for the needy is launched in Vale



Jane Hutt AM with the Vale Foodbank team at the launch.

THE Vale foodbank was launched last week at Coastlands Community Church in the Colcot.

The team who organised the Barry launch were praised by Jane Hutt, AM and the Trussell Trust, who are supporting schemes all over the UK with 15 now operating in Wales.

"The foodbank gives food to people in crisis, either Emergency Food Boxes or in a pack from the Foodbank Distribution Centre at the Church," said Ms Hutt.

"This is an excellent example of how people can respond by caring and sharing with those who are in crisis here in the Vale of Glamorgan."

"There are people in our communities who find themselves without food, or making the choice between paying for food or fuel, feeding a child or a parent."

"Foodbanks are feeding people all over the

UK and we can respond effectively here in the Vale, thanks to the Coastlands Community Church initiative."

Susan Lloyd-Selby who introduced the Launch and explained how the scheme will work said that food has been donated by churches, individuals, groups or charities, and at collection days outside

major supermarkets.

As well as giving food, the Distribution Centre also offers refreshments, 'help in finding help' and 'sign posting' for support which can include debt counselling and advocacy.

For further information, contact admin@valefoodbank.org.uk

RAF Wing Commander takes helm at St Athan



Commodore Anthony King and Wing Commander Paul Regan outside St Athan House (the official residence of the Station Commander).

THE recently-appointed Commanding Officer for No 4 School of Technical Training, Wing Commander Paul Regan, has taken over command of MoD St Athan from Commodore Anthony King.

Commodore King had been head of establishment at MoD St Athan for just over two years when he handed over to Wing Commander Paul Regan.

For Commodore King, this was final farewell. After just over two years at MoD St Athan and 36 years in the Royal Navy, he is retiring from the service.

The Commodore

said: "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at St Athan – in particular, the friendship and support we have received from the local community."

"It has been a superb way to end my career, and my wife and I will look back with fondness to St Athan and our time in south Wales."

"I leave St Athan in good hands, and wish Wing Commander Regan and his family every success during his time at the helm."

Wing Commander Regan's family will now take up residence at St Athan House as the Wing Commander takes on the dual role as head of establishment and Commanding Officer of No 4 School of Technical Training.

Fontygary is star of TV show

ON Friday, October 7 at 7.30pm, the new BBC One Wales series, Wales on Wheels, about people passionate about caravans, visits Fontygary Caravan and Leisure Park outside Barry.

The programme meets the only couple allowed to stay on site all year round, Dave and Sue, who run the site security.

It also follows club compere AJ as he takes a huge risk when he decides to replace the popular Friday night bingo with something he considers far more entertaining – himself.

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

ENTERPRISE ZONES

- why Wales should follow England's lead

ENTERPRISE Zones were established in England some time ago, and we have been calling on the Welsh Government to follow suit here in Wales. Unfortunately, they have delayed and dragged out the issue for too long.

The announcement by the Business Minister, Edwina Hart last week confirmed that there will be five new zones set up in Wales, with St Athan earmarked as the region for the aerospace sector.

However, the scheme would appear to have been put together at short notice, and there is still a great deal of confusion and lack of detail around the programme.

Last week, we saw Jaguar Rover Landrover opt to establish their new factory in an Enterprise Zone in the west Midlands rather than near the existing Ford site in Bridgend.

I spoke to Jaguar Landrover in June, when I was aware that they were looking at

options in south Wales. I was keen to push the Bosch site or another in the Vale.

It seems to me that the Welsh Government have a tendency to do things different for the sake of it. Why restrict to different sectors? Why not follow a good idea, if it means no time is lost?

Why not focus on areas that need to attract investment? Why has Cardiff qualified, when it is one of Wales' wealthiest areas?

To my utter dismay, Barry has missed out once again on support for business. PRIDE in Barry, other business groups and I had been calling for Barry to be the first to be awarded Enterprise Zone Status to help regenerate the area and attract new employers.

We must be able to provide the key elements of infrastructure they need.

Barry doesn't qualify for any aid or specific grant support, as does most of Wales. The regeneration money



Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

announced some time ago is highly restricted and will only have a limited effect.

As a result, most funding has gone to refurbish parks and social facilities.

Naturally, I am pleased that St Athan has achieved EZ status, however, it has been restricted to aeronautical businesses.

I believe that basing the EZ scheme around business sectors could lead to a potential legal nightmare. Would companies be able to benefit from the scheme if they developed a part for an engine for the car industry as well as the aeronautical industry?

Mrs Hart has been pretty circumspect on the details of the Enterprise Zones - companies in the five designated areas will benefit

from a 100 per cent business rate relief - but it's not clear whether Wales will follow England in relaxing some planning rules too.

Over the last week, I've heard that some major property developers wanted to know what the exact boundaries were for the different zones in Wales, but were informed that the Welsh Government hadn't actually drafted maps for zones as yet.

Having spoken to the Chancellor about EZs, it seems that they will be a building block for further government announcements that could include additional incentives at future budgets.

This is why we need to get it right at this stage.

The designation of Barry, as Wales' largest town, as an Enterprise Zone would have been a lifeline for Barry.

But all is not lost, and with Paul Haley, chair of PRIDE in Barry, leading the campaign, continuing to push for EZ status for the town, I do hope that the Welsh Government will heed our calls and help us reinvigorate and diversify employment for the area.

FORUM MEETS

BARRY Men's Forum reconvenes on Thursday, October 6, at 10.30am in the United Reformed Church Hall. The speaker is Mr Ron Powell.

All enquiries to Peter Westcott (chairman) on 02920 594881.

PACT meetings

ILLTYD PACT, October 11, 7pm, the Mount Sorrel Hotel, Porthkerry Road, Barry.
ST NICHOLAS AND BONVILSTON council meeting, St Nicholas Church Hall, October 3 at 7.30pm.
YSTRADOWEN coffee and chat meeting, White Lion, October 4 at 11.30am.
ST BRIDES MAJOR PACT, St Brides Church Hall, October 5 at 6pm.
DINAS POWYS PACT, St Mary's Church, Edith Road, October 3 at 7pm.
CORNERSWELL PACT, Penarth Leisure Centre, October 13 at 7pm.
ST AUGUSTINE'S PACT, The Windsor Public House, October 20 at 7pm.

Stagecoach celebrates students' exam success



Pictured are some of the children who passed their LAMDA exams recently.

STAGECOACH Theatre Arts is celebrating exceptional results by students who recently entered the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) exams.

Students aged from 6-17 entered the globally-recognised awards in either 'acting' or 'speaking of verse and prose', and once again the school maintained its 100 per cent pass rate.

An exceptional number of distinctions was awarded, with all students, from introductory

level up to bronze medal, achieving a pass with distinction.

Stagecoach principal Helene Reynolds commented: "The early grades are a marvellous way to introduce children to language through the speaking of verse and prose."

"They are excellent confidence-builders and develop an ability to communicate through clear, expressive and natural speaking."

"The higher grades have the added benefit of giving pupils valuable UCAS points towards their university choice."

Dance pupils get spot on TV!

BARRY pupils at the Miranda Lee Dance Studios have taken part in a BBC TV programme - Strictly Come Dancing - It Takes Two.

A camera crew went to classes in Barry Yacht Club, Barry Island, and students were asked to compile a list of questions ready for filming.

The questions were for 'Len's Dance Clinic', which will be featured on the show every Friday, and will see amateur dancers asking him how to overcome their dancing difficulties.

One student, Peter Marsh, cheekily asked Len if he could fix it for him to have a dance with 'Strictly' professional Erin Boag!

Miranda reported: "It was a surprise to be asked and we feel quite honoured, as only a couple of dance schools in south Wales were approached."

"After filming with our dance class, the crew spent the following morning on Barry Island, asking members of the public for their views on the forthcoming series of 'Strictly'."

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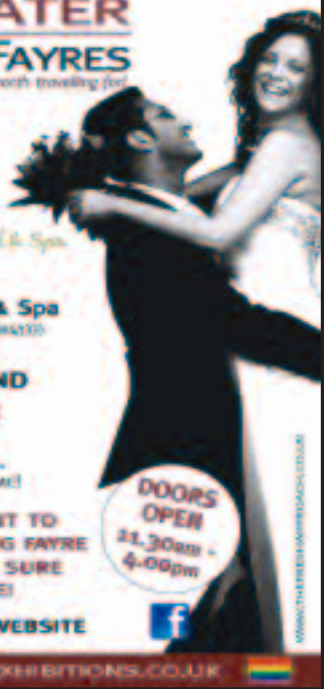
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FLYING VET IN PRISON DRAMA

VALE Flying Vet Maurice Kirk failed to appear before Cardiff Magistrates yesterday in relation to two charges of failing to observe bail conditions to surrender when required.

Maurice Kirk, 66, formerly of St Donats, but who has recently been living in Brittany, was scheduled to appear before Cardiff Magistrates yesterday (Wednesday).

Mr Kirk is currently on remand in Cardiff Prison. Prosecutor Michael Evans told the court that Mr Kirk refused to leave his cell.

Mr Kirk faces two charges of failing to surrender when on bail

on November 2, 2010, and September 21, 2011.

Mr Evans said Kirk came before the magistrates last week in custody in relation to a separate charge, and the Crown had opposed bail.

Kirk has denied a charge of harassing forensic psychiatrist Tecwyn Williams

Said Mr Evans: "I understand that he has refused to leave his cell to attend this hearing."

Judge Martin Brown adjourned the case for a week, for Kirk to attend court in person, or via a video link.

"We do need him here at some stage," said the judge.

AJ SICLUNA

Show raises funds

ALL proceeds from the annual South Wales Classic Car show held at Pencoed are being donated to charities.

The first to benefit were the Bobath Centre for children with cerebral palsy, which received a cheque for £3,000 and the Heronsbridge School which received a donation of £1,800.

Other donations continue throughout the year to local charities nominated by South Wales Classic Car Club members.

Bobath's fundraising manager, Gail Griffiths, received the cheque from committee member Malcolm Champion on behalf of the children's centre, while Chris Major, former headteacher at Heronsbridge, was persuaded out of retirement to receive a cheque from Heronsbridge student



The Bobath cheque is handed over.

Kirsty Jones, whose father Vince is a member of the club.

The club meets on the first Wednesday of the month and membership is open to anyone with an interest in classic cars.

Further details are available from the club's website at www.swccc.net

Co-op's £1,900 boost for local Guides

THE 10th Barry Guides group has received £1,900

from The Co-operative's Community Fund to buy new sports equipment.

Lisa Edwards, of 10th Barry Guides said: "This generous grant from The Co-operative has made a huge difference to us as we had so little equipment to work with previously."

"The sporting equipment is especially valuable to us, as several of the girls are not involved in any other external sports, so Guiding is their only physical activity."

Ailsa Logan, membership officer for The Co-operative in south Wales said: "Because our members own the business, they get a share in any of the profits we make. It's a scheme we're very proud of, not only because it gives us the chance to thank members for shopping with us, but because so many people choose to give something back to local communities."

"There is around £200,000 available in this region, each year, from the Community Fund, and we welcome applications from local groups and projects for £100 to £2,000," she added.



The Guides celebrate receiving their grant.

Iolo Morganwg - father of the Gorsedd

THE Vale of Glamorgan is home to the 2012 Welsh National Eisteddfod - one of the world's great cultural festivals, attracting in excess of 160,000 visitors annually.

In June, hundreds showed their support for the Eisteddfod coming to the area, by joining the Gorsedd of Bards, local schoolchildren and community leaders in a spectacular procession to the Proclamation Ceremony.

The National Eisteddfod has a heavy druidic flavour, with the crowning and churning ceremonies for victorious poets, attended by bards in flowing white costumes.

However, the provenance of the ceremony is dubious and owes its existence within the Eisteddfod structure to Iolo Morganwg-Edward Williams (1747-1826) of Llanarfan - poet, antiquary, and forger - "one of the ablest and most versatile men ever born in Wales" (Prof Ceri Lewis).

On Friday, October 7, at Cowbridge Comprehensive

School, Aberthin Road, there will be a drinks reception at 6.30pm followed at 7pm by a lecture by Professor Emeritus Geraint H Jenkins DLitt FLSE FBA, former Director of the University of Wales Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies, entitled 'The Prince of Welsh Romantics: Iolo Morganwg and his legacy.'

Admission is free. The lecture will be in English and is sponsored by the University of Wales, together, with the Vale of Glamorgan National Eisteddfod and the Cowbridge Appeals Committee.

For further details and to register interest, call 01446 774530 or email johnwyn@btinternet.com

Darlith ar Dad yr Orsedd

Iolo Morganwg

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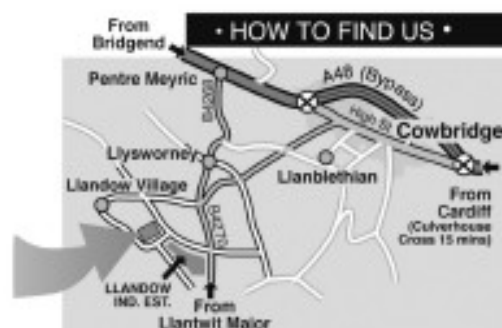
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OBITUARY: David Matthews, Bridgend

'Visionary' farmer's life is celebrated

THE death has occurred of a Bridgend farmer who put south Wales on the map – as the only person to win the prestigious 'Supreme Champion' beef carcass competition for four consecutive years, in the early 1980s at UK farming's international showcase, the Royal Smithfield Show.

David Matthews, who was presented to the Queen Mother on several occasions, was described as "a visionary and a gentle man".

He was internationally acclaimed in beef and sheep production circles and his Limousin cattle set the standard for those farmers astute enough to respond early to the consumer demand for lean meat.

His brother Evan recalled: "David was always proud to think that our successes in Smithfield were the basis for the Limousin Society's claim that the



PICTURED: David Matthews (centre) with the Queen Mother and David Inker at Smithfield.

Limousin was the carcass breed.

"We bought two cows, Femme and Fagoue, in 1971 in the first batch to be imported from France.

"We had first seen them in the Paris show in 1968, after flying out with local farmer and mentor Mansel Hopkin, who was on the council of the Royal Smithfield Club."

David Matthews' reputation was such that in 1988 he was chosen to judge the overall cattle championship at the Royal Smithfield Show, and he also travelled to Australia to judge beef cattle.

Perhaps even more importantly, he supported and encouraged a group of seven or eight Glamorganshire farmers to exhibit at Smithfield, travelling in proud convoy into Earls Court each December and was feted by the show's enthusiastic patron, The Queen Mother.

David's influence in encouraging farmers to

respond to market forces and his success in shows across the UK wasn't confined to beef production.

His great delight was the Dorset sheep breed and again his decision was market-led, buying his foundation stock from the Dorset farmer who had won the Royal Smithfield carcass championship four times in the late 50s and early 60s.

His first lamb carcass championship at Smithfield with a Southdown x Dorset Horn in 1966, was followed by many more triumphs.

He judged the most important sheep competition in the world, the Royal Welsh Interbreed Championship, in 2008, and this year was president of the Dorset Sheep Society for the second time.

He sold in the NSA Wales and Border Ram Sales from its inception in 1978. His Dorsets dominated the breed championships over the

years. David remained a very down to earth, helpful and unassuming farmer with as good a knowledge of the wildlife on his farm as of his stock. The sound of the cuckoo, each fox run, and the songbirds were all important to him.

Family life, too, was important. He enjoyed the lifelong support of his brother Evan and five years ago, at the age of 70, David married Elizabeth and gained an instant family with her three daughters and two grandchildren.

He often recalled the 'wonderful day' when he and his bride were carried in a Landau pulled by a pair of grey horses from the village church to begin their married life.

Elizabeth was a supportive figure at his side in shows and sales in latter years.

David Matthews is survived by Elizabeth and his older brother Evan.

'Get in line for the IT scheme' says MP

THE Vale MP, Alan Cairns, is urging local charities and voluntary groups to bid for technology support from the Microsoft Software Donation Programme.

"Working with the Charity Technology Trust through their charity technology exchange service, Microsoft is one of a growing number of technology companies who make donations of their products to the voluntary sector," he said.

The technology giants offer eligible organisations up to 10 titles, including the most popular software packages such as Microsoft Windows 7 and Microsoft Office 2010.

Organisations can receive up to 50 licences of each title every two-year period.

The MP went on: "Over the last two years, a few organisations in the Vale have been able to access the grants, including The Amelia Trust, Valeplus and the Vale Volunteer Bureau."

For more information, visit www.ctxchange.org or contact the MP's constituency office on 01446 403814.

PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Walkers wander off into land of Silures

RECENTLY, on a rather cloudy but muggy morning, Geraint and his sheepdog Patch (who was celebrating his sixth birthday), played host to five Penarth and District Ramblers who turned up to explore the valley areas between Newport and Caerphilly.

Beginning their walk at Machen, they first crossed the River Rhymney which rises on the southern edge of the Brecon Beacons and eventually makes its way through New Tredegar and Ystrad Mynach to reach Cardiff and the Severn Estuary.

The group made their way to Draethen, which is about three miles from Caerphilly and very proud of its conservation area status.

They then headed to Coed Craig Ruperra nature reserve, an ancient woodland area which has probably existed since 1600.

Reaching the top of the hill, the group took shelter from the strong wind within the walls of the old sum-

merhouse. The earliest evidence of a settlement in this area was between 700BC and 100AD when an Iron Age hill fort was constructed on the ridge of Coed Craig Ruperra, which would have been in the tribal territory of the Silures, who inhabited the Vale of Glamorgan, Gwent and valley areas.

Descending through birch woods the group reached Ruperra Castle, built in 1626 by Sir Thomas Morgan, who was in fact knighted by James I, and it was built in the style of a typical Jacobean courtier's house.

In 1645, King Charles stayed there, raising support following the Battle of Naseby.

Reaching the village of Waterloo, they picked up the Forge Trail, and following the old railway line below a superb stone viaduct, they returned to Machen.

Membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 02920 219102.
JOY STRANGWARD

Rural transport gets big boost through Greenlinks

GREENLINKS, the community transport scheme serving people of all ages in the rural Vale, has announced that after its first year, it has secured more than 350 members, including 40 group memberships.

Launched last summer, the service was introduced by the Vale Council as a pilot community transport project, serving 10 rural towns and villages in the Vale, and is part of the wider 'Creative Rural Communities' project.

The membership-based scheme, operated through a 13-seater mini bus and a seven seat people carrier, aims to help people in the rural Vale to access transport more easily, and at a reasonable cost.

Driven by a pool of volunteers, members are asked to pre-book a service, and are then offered a door-to-door pick up to their chosen destination. Members range from individual passengers to entire community groups, charities and schools and sports teams.

A group of bingo playing friends from Rhoose, who are affectionately known as the Bingo Babes, are among the service's biggest users. Edna, 84, from Rhoose, has been using the Greenlinks service to travel to the bingo with a group of five friends since October.

Edna started using the service when she found it difficult to reach local public transport due to difficulty walking. She said: "I think the Greenlinks service is absolutely fantastic."



The Bingo Babes!

"The fact that it will pick me up and drop me off right outside my front door helps me to get out and about. If I had to use public transport to get around, I don't think I would get out."

"I use the service twice a week to take me from home to play bingo with the girls. The Greenlinks bus picks me up and all my friends up, each Tuesday and Thursday, and then takes us back home at the end of the afternoon. If we had to do the same journey on public transport we would have to make a number of changes."

"I can't say a bad word about the service. It is fantastic and I would recommend it to anyone."

Graham Cartwright, project manager for Greenlinks, said: "Since the service began a year

ago, we have seen the difference that this service makes to the residents in the rural Vale, to people just like Edna and her friends, and we look forward to hopefully seeing our service grow again to run more frequently in the week-ends and during the evenings."

The annual membership for the scheme is £5 per household. Members can take advantage of return trips for as little as £2 for a return trip.

All trips must be booked in advance and groups can also hire the service for a half or full day at an agreed flat rate.

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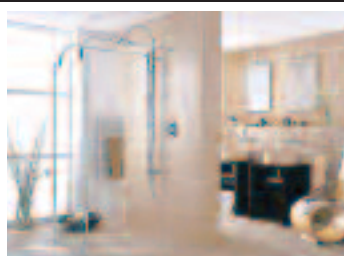
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Local volunteers helped clean the beach.

Beach volunteers collect up refuse

LAST Saturday, saw 20 Transition Llantwit volunteers enthusiastically collecting up all sorts of rubbish from Llantwit Major beach.

The sun shone as we collected a total of 16 black bags of rubbish, as well as other larger unusual items!

The smaller items consisted of a variety of washed up rubbish such as pieces of commercial fishing nets as well as fishing line used by individuals.

Regarding the larger rubbish, we had a 'contest' running between us as to who could find the most unusual rubbish. Early 'entrants' included a traffic cone, a rather shabby baseball cap, a jumper, a shoe and a couple of toothbrushes!

As the time progressed, we had almost a complete outfit! However, by the end of the two hours, I believe we had a clear win-

ner...a rather large cut off of a wooden veneer kitchen worktop! Who would have thought we would find that at a beach?

Transition Llantwit would like to thank everyone who joined our litter pick at various

points of the day.

We would also like to say a big thank you to the Glamorgan Heritage Coast, who provided us with gloves and collected all of the rubbish we found.

SAM SECKER

Filco is on the run, to help air ambulance

THE local independent supermarket group, Filco, has launched a fundraising drive to help the Wales Air Ambulance Service.

Part of that drive will be to enter a team in the Cardiff Half Marathon on October 16.

It will be the sixth year that Filco has entered a team, and each time the funds raised have gone to the company's charity of the year.

This year, the chosen charity is the Wales Air Ambulance (WAA), and Filco director Simon Hunt explained how it was chosen.

He said: "We have a vote among staff in all eight of our stores, and WAA came top of the poll."

"The service does not receive any direct government funding, and relies on public support."

"It costs £5,000 to equip and train a qualified paramedic to join WAA."

Together with running costs, it all adds up to the need to raise more than £5 million each year to maintain the service.

Mr Hunt added: "As in previous years, we would welcome sponsors."

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have supported us in the past, and would be grateful for support again."

Cheques can be made payable to either Wales Air Ambulance or Filco Supermarkets Ltd, and sent to Filco, 19, Boverton Road, Llantwit Major, CF61 1XZ.

Rita's seafaring climb raises charity funds



AT the Tall Ship Festival on Barry Waterfront recently, Cadoxton Youth Project's Rita Limbrick climbed the rigging of the tall ship *Stavros*, going all the way up.

"Our stall raised £190 over the two days. This year the community has raised a staggering £2,172 so far," Rita reported.

"The proceeds will be divided between East Africa Drought via Y-CARE International through YMCA England, Ty Hafan, Barry Hospice for young lives, The Tall Ship Youth Trust, Children in Need and Marie Curie Cancer Care. We are still fundraising and have a number of events still to

come this year." To make a donation, contact Rita Limbrick on 01446 722979.

ABOVE: Rita Limbrick (second from right) with Vale MP Alun Cairns

Friends of art group seek more members

ART Central Friends' AGM was held last week at the Art Central Gallery, King Square.

After the reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report, the new officers were elected.

Mr Bernard van Lierop, one of the members, then gave an illustrated talk entitled 'Art, Power, Money and Crime' which encouraged those present to "think a little outside the

box". The talk was well presented and suitably illustrated.

The main theme was that people prize art too highly; paying excessive prices for paintings and artefacts far above their true worth.

Art should be for everyone to enjoy.

New members are welcome and membership forms can be obtained from the library or Art Central Gallery.

College in contention for 'Beacon' awards

CARDIFF and Vale College has made it on to the shortlist for two prestigious Beacon awards, for its innovative and inclusive approach to 14 to 19-year-olds and for its work with tackling deprivation.

The Association of College's (AoC) AQA Beacon Award for college/school partnerships is open to all further education colleges (FE) in the UK who have forged partnerships with local schools.

The CAVC's Vale sites have spent the last seven years developing and improving specific programmes for pre-16 learners. Working with schools, councils and training providers across the region, under the Welsh

Government's Learning Pathways agenda, the number of pupils on vocational courses has rocketed from 150 to more than 700.

The college's Pathways courses allow school pupils to choose vocational courses. A range of college and school based courses are on offer, for example in engineering, hospitality, construction and hair and beauty.

College 14-19 co-ordinator Stacey Long said: "We are the largest and most awarded 14-19 provider in the sector."

Next month a team of three AoC judges will visit the college's Barry site to assess provision for 14 to 19-year-olds. They will meet strategic stakeholders and head teachers from local schools.

NEWS FROM PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

Technology is advancing!

WHAT are your childhood memories of technology?

My parents told me about cars being so rare when they were young that they would rush out to watch one passing, while dad wrestled with a crystal radio kit just in time to hear "It's all over" when Cardiff won the FA Cup in 1927.

I recall our living room being turned into a mini cinema to watch the 1953 coronation on a 12 inch black and white TV, while at the real cinema I recall my delight at finding the main feature film would be in colour.

I was a science-fiction fan and enthralled by the possibilities of the future. Not so much the wild space adventures of science fantasy, but of the effect of technological development on society.

Arthur C Clarke wrote a fascinating book, 'Profiles of the Future' about the possibilities, while Azimov wrote of a computer he called 'Multivac' that grew so massive in successive models that it couldn't be accommodated on Earth.

It was built on the moon, but still grew so that it had to be built in 'hyperspace'.

'Multivac' implies the involvement of many

vacuum tubes, ie valves, but he couldn't have known about Colossus at Bletchley Park that used more than 2,000 valves, but his imagination could visualise something developing along those lines.

What came as a complete surprise to everyone was the invention of the transistor that went the other way, and became smaller and smaller until the millions of valves in hyperspace are now the millions of transistors on a microchip in a computer small enough to carry.

Now we are offered 50 inch TVs with hundreds of channels and high-definition pictures. They play DVDs,

browse the web and will soon offer you programmes that it learns will interest you; all in 3D, without the glasses.

What next? The news says that scientists are busy checking on a neutrino particle that seemed to arrive early and therefore must have travelled faster than the speed of light.

Another report says that scientists can produce fuzzy pictures of what you are seeing by scanning your brain - will future 'Multivacs' (using transistors), sharpen the picture?

The man in the street usually tends to see his contemporary technology as the end of development. In the 1950s,

computers were enormous and hugely expensive. The chairman of IBM said at that time that he could see a world market for possibly five computers.

Things have moved so quickly during the last generation that the one after the one after next will probably look back at us fondly as the equivalent of the flat earth society.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, October 11, when Howard will be looking at golden rules and hints and tips to get the best out of your computer. Visitors welcome.

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No high heels for Lorraine as she tackles half marathon for charity



ABOVE: Lorraine (left) is in training for the Cardiff half marathon.

WITH the backing of the Porthcawl and District Chamber of Trade and Commerce, Lorraine Stone, the proprietor of 'Truly Scrumptious', the bespoke fashion house in New Road, Porthcawl, is to run the Cardiff Half Marathon on October 16.

She is entering the half-marathon with sponsorship in aid of the GLAZE prostate cancer charity.

Lorraine is already in regular training for the half-marathon and was photographed (above) as she ran past the Prince of Wales public house in Kenfig, to the support and encouragement of some of the regulars there.

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Charity boost
ON October 2 and October 9, Bonmarche, Holton Road, Barry is offering every member of the WI in the south Wales area a discount of 30 per cent off everything in store – hoping to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Charity.

The store will be open from 10am-4pm.
Contact Sandra or Susan on 01446 739083.

Zambian choir visits Vale
THE visit of the Women's Christian Fellowship Choir from Zambia is an eagerly anticipated event in the life of the Vale of Glamorgan Circuit of Methodist Churches.

The circuit, which covers churches in St Athan, Barry, Dinas Powys and Penarth, already has connections with Zambia through Rev Prof Teddy Kalongo, a minister in the circuit who is originally from the Copperbelt Province.

The 30-strong choir is in Wales for two weeks, and will be welcomed into the homes of families around the country.

The hectic schedule of activities includes a visit to the Senedd, St Fagan's and Amelia Trust Farm, as well as social events and concerts. The choir sings at the Gathering Place in St Athan on October 2 at 6pm, and Crossway Church, Barry on October 13 at 7.30pm.

There will be a collection on both occasions, which will go towards the costs of the visit.

WHAT'S ON in brief

Vale Dyspraxia Support Group
THE next meeting of the Vale Dyspraxia Support Group will be on Monday, October 3, at 7.30pm in the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU.

The group supports children and young people with dyspraxia (as well as related conditions such as dyslexia, ADHD, Asperger's Syndrome, OCD, Tourettes) and their parents and carers by providing advice and information, as well as an opportunity to exchange experiences.

The group operates a 24-hour help and advice line on 01446 738945 and a website, www.vdsg.org.uk, and also runs social activities and a laptop loan programme.

Solo-style success
THREE local dancers are celebrating their success at the World Dance Masters Championships, held in Manchester in August.

Lewis Jenkins, Rebecca Jenkins and Louise Thorne (from Rhooose and Barry) all became world champions in Solostyle at the annual event, where dancers come from countries across the world to compete for a title.

Lewis Jenkins won

the Division 2 advanced teenage male division and has now qualified to compete in Allstars – the highest division overall!

Rebecca Jenkins won the world champion title in Division 3 intermediate junior female, and Louise Thorne won the Division 3 intermediate open female title; both will now move up to Division 2 advanced for the forthcoming competition year.

Solostyle is a versatile form of dance; and all three dancers have enjoyed success over the years.

Lewis Jenkins and Louise Thorne are teaching Solostyle to 8-11 year olds in Barry every Saturday. Contact

www.solostyledance.com or call 07864 361157 / 07946 396167.

Penarth artist's exhibition
ART Central gallery in Barry will hold an exhibition by Penarth artist Terry Setch from October 11.

A member of the Royal Academy of Arts and the Royal West of England Academy, he creates works that are inspired by the local environment.

The exhibition will continue until November 12.

The gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm and admission is free.

Ty Hafan winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D689.

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The rollover, which now stands at £1,000, was won by 627960.

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The solar panels (photovoltaic or PV panels) were installed through a project started by a local group promoting a sustainable environment.

Cyswllt Peterston Connect, started in September 2009 and has

focused on energy conservation and renewable energy generation; improved transport and access, improving and maintaining green space and biodiversity, and supporting local food production.

The solar electricity project began with members of Cyswllt Peterston Connect who were interested in installing solar electricity panels themselves.

They decided to organise this through a single supplier to gain the benefit of reduced prices.

The project was

opened out to all residents of Peterston super Ely and there has been considerable local interest in the scheme.

Starting in August, seven installations have been completed to date.

The attraction of solar electricity is not only that free renewable electricity is generated but also that the government pays a 'feed-in tariff' to householders for the electricity generated.

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Rhodri Thomas, chairman of Cyswllt Peterston Connect, said: "We are delighted with amount of interest shown and the take up of this project.

"It is felt that this is an excellent example of a small-scale generation project which, if it was replicated in other villages in the Vale, would make an appreciable difference."

For more information about the project, contact John Drysdale at johndrysdale@yahoo.co.uk

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POSITIVE IMAGE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY NEWS

Members are taken on the Indian tiger trail – in Barry

FOLLOWING a successful practical session, capturing the sunset/moonrise at Barry Island last week, members were treated to an illustrated talk by Phillippa Woods on her journey through Rajasthan on the tiger trail.

This was an evening filled with wonderful wildlife shots, including one of a particularly excited elephant who objected to being photographed and decided to charge.

Luckily for us, our guest speaker escaped, with the photo to prove it.

Phillippa also took time out to photograph the people and places of

India and showed some unusual aspects of popular places including the Taj Mahal.

Finally, photographs of the tiger gave time to reflect on the uncertain future of this magnificent animal.

New members are welcome at PIPS meetings, which take place at 7.30pm on alternative Thursday evenings at St Baruc's Church, Phyllis Street, Barry Island.

To find out more about our 2011/12 programme of speakers, photo shoots, competitions and Guy's photo-shop sessions, please telephone Bernard Brown on 01446 408483.

ANNE PHILLIPS



Members preparing to capture the moonrise.

Trust team's help

A PRINCE'S Trust team from Cardiff and Vale Apprenticeships, the work-based learning arm of Cardiff and Vale College, has raised nearly £250 to help a local educational service.

The Prince's Trust Team 64 from the Vale spent a week working with ValePlus on High Street in Barry. ValePlus is a local charity that

provides educational, social and recreational day services for people with learning disabilities in the Vale and Cardiff.

The team helped service users with numeracy tasks, computer work, gardening and arts and crafts.

After raising £240 with a sponsored row, the team were also able to take different groups to Techniquet and ten-pin bowling at the Hollywood Bowl.

Music festival

THE Cowbridge Music Festival continues tomorrow (Friday) with chamber music and solo musicians, including Cowbridge cellist Mary Elliott.

It takes place in the town's Holy Cross Church at 7.30pm. Free admission. Donations to Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

On Sunday, October 2, there is a Buster Keaton silent film evening at Cowbridge Town Hall at 7pm.

BARRIVALE BRIDGE CLUB

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club:

September 20: 1st, Irene Thomas and Jane Brook, 60 per cent; 2nd, Mark Roderick and Mike Close 57.29; 3rd, Kay Dyer and Noelle Bond 51.25; Dave Thomas and Tom Kendrick 51.25.

Helen Jordan and Judith Owen won on handicap. New members are always welcome at Barrivale. For more information, call 01446 733425.



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The success story that began in 1921 still continues 90 years on!

by PHILIP IRWIN

THIS year has been one of celebration

for St John's School in Porthcawl, as the school celebrates its 90th birthday.

It was in 1921 that the Rectory of the historic St John's Church opened its doors as a preparatory school, in those days just for boys.

Quite a few of those boys then moved on to Christ College, Brecon, and the school retains those connections to this day, with a number of fathers of present day pupils being old boys of Christ College.

The guiding principle back in 1921 was to give pupils individual attention – and the same ethos is an essential part of the school today.

There have been changes, of course, often as a result of responding to parents. Raising the leaving age to 16 from 13, so that pupils could stay at the school and complete their GCSEs, came about because parents' expectations changed.

The other big change, of course, was when the school opened its doors to girls and became co-educational. The



ABOVE The St John's pupils pictured in 1922, the year after the school opened.

school now takes pupils from the age of three up to 16.

Carol Clint has been the headteacher for seven years – a teacher for 33 years in total – and fully embraces the school's ethos, which she describes as a good mix of old-fashioned high expectations, allied to a modern academic curriculum.

This summer, St John's pupils achieved

great GCSE results, with 65 per cent of all examinations taken being awarded A* to B grades.

A remarkable 47 per cent, more than double the UK average, were A* and A grades, with 21 per cent at the highest A* level.

More than 80 per cent of pupils achieved at least one A or A* grade, and nearly 65 per cent gained at least four A or A* grades.

Carol Clint told The GEM: "I think a key reason is that we have small class sizes, between 10 and 16, and teachers who are happy here, which means that there is a very low turnover of staff.

"Even if a teacher is ill, we have a pool of back-up teachers to call on, who have ties with the school, so that pupils are being taught by someone they know."

The individual attention means that the school make sure that pupils are not missing out.

For instance, Mrs Clint is very proud of the school's programme for teaching pupils with dyslexia,

and the expertise gained in this area means that pupils make real progress.

Recently, the school added two more subjects, drama and PE, that can be taken to GCSE.

St John's also feels it is very strong in its language teaching, and pupils get to start early, being taught French at five, and German at eight.

Carol Clint says that pupils are much more relaxed about learning the basics of a language at that age.

The school draws its pupils from a wide area, and three minibuses are on the road each day to collect and take home pupils from Neath, from Cowbridge and the rest of the Vale, and from north Bridgend and Pencoed.

The school encourages pupils to get involved in other activities, and recently completed a two-year Comenius programme, during which they formed strong ties with schools in Ireland, Iceland, Germany and Turkey.

Mrs Clint said that the school had applied to extend this, as it had been such a success. She added: "The pupils are still staying in touch through Skype and e-mail."

For an example of the pupil's extra-curricular activities, it is worth looking at some of this year's high achievers.

Elan Edry gained 11 GCSEs, 10 A*s with just the one A, and was also the school's 'Good Citizen of the Year'.

Tom Brown, Laura Clint and Daniel Shearer, who between them gained 9A*s, 16As and 5Bs, all made valuable contributions to school life in their roles as head

boy, house captain and chair of School Council – and also through sport, music, the Interact club and by acting as role models for younger pupils.

One buzz phrase in the business world these days is 'value added' and St John's believes that it adds plenty of value to its pupils.

Mrs Clint added: "I think we do this through letting the pupils feel that they are part of a small family-style community."

"That includes the parents as well, and they often comment on the warm welcome they receive here, and that they do feel part of the school."

Can you help St John's world record challenge?

ST JOHN'S School is hoping to celebrate its 90th birthday by gaining a place in the Guinness Book of World Records – but help is needed!

At the start of its year of celebration, the school approached the publishers of the world famous book, and suggested a project that could qualify for inclusion.

However, satisfying the rigorous requirements of the Guinness record team took a little time, and it means that

the school is now in a race against time to hit its target.

Headteacher Carol Clint told The GEM: "We decided to go for the world record for the longest scarf ever made – and to qualify we need to collect 7,000 two-metre scarves."

"For one school, that is quite a challenge, so we are hoping that people in the area can help us out!"

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Reception children follow Paddington Bear's lead on Wear your Wellies day



STAFF and pupils in the reception class at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School took part in Wear your Wellies day in support of Action Medical Research.

The charity raises valuable funds which give hope to thousands of families across the UK who are caring for children with rare and devastating illnesses.

Welly-wearing Paddington Bear is a mascot for the charity and a firm favourite with the children, who were only too happy to wear their own favourite footwear to school.

Everyone had a great time showing off their colourful wellies and the children raised a whopping £50.

Teacher Mrs Forrester said she was "proud" of their effort and praised them for their enthusiasm.



YMCA SAYS THANK YOU BARRY TOWN COUNCIL



The young Barry gymnasts celebrate.

EIGHT gymnasts and three coaches from Barry YMCA Gymnastics Club are jumping for joy, following news that Barry Town Council will be supporting them in their forthcoming trip to compete in America.

The coaches, gymnasts, and their parents have been busy undertaking a variety of fundraising activities, they include a quiz evening, car boot sales and cake sales to assist them in achieving their goal of competing alongside Americans, who are ranked

among the top gymnasts in the sport worldwide.

During the three-day competition, some of America's Olympic hopefuls will be competing, so it will be a fantastic opportunity for the Barry gymnasts to compete alongside such high level gymnasts.

Barry Town Councillors have given the club's fundraising efforts a huge boost through their contribution of £1,000. To thank them for their tremendous support, the club invited Barry Town Council's deputy Mayor, Coun Maggie Payne and her consort Coun Olga Cash, along to the

Hub at Barry YMCA to introduce them to the gymnasts, who then showcased some of their skills. The Barry gymnasts and coaches had the opportunity to thank Barry Town Council, through Coun Payne and Coun Cash, for their overwhelming support.

If your child is interested in taking part in gymnastics, telephone the Barry YMCA on 01446 724001 to take advantage of our reduced waiting lists and book a space in our half term activities programme - which includes Artistic Gymnastics, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Trampoline and Cheerleading. **FB**

Cancer Research fundraiser

CANCER Research UK will hold a coffee morning at the Paget Rooms in Penarth on October 1 at 10.15 with the usual attractions.

A fashion show, combined with a grand draw and lucky dip, will be held on October 6 at 7pm at Penarth Conservative Club (to celebrate 50 years of fundraising in Penarth).

WHAT'S ON /in brief

Tickets £5, available from M&Co, Windsor Road; David Baker, Station Approach; Strandz, Cornerswell Road; Tailor Made Travel, Glebe Street and in the Cancer Research shop, Stanwell Road.

Charity's fun quiz
POPULAR Paul Marks is the question master at the fun quiz organised by Dinas Powys Voluntary

Concern in Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys on October 7 at 7pm.

Quiz organiser Mrs Barbara Daniels said that all proceeds will go to the charity, which operates a mini bus adapted to the needs of elderly people and those with disabilities.

Entry is £6 per person with a maximum of six in a team. Application forms avail-

able from the Post Offices at the Murch and the Square, DPVC Resource Centre and the Parish Hall, Dinas Powys.

Scout jumble

THE 1st Dinas Powys Scout Group will hold a jumble sale on Saturday, October 8 at 1.30pm in the Scout Hall, Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys. Admission 50p.

TV HISTORIAN PAYS A VISIT TO LLANCARFAN

by IAN FELL

MORE than 100 people turned up at St. Cadoc's church, Llanccarfarn, during Open Churches Day on Saturday, September 17.

Some visitors came for a last glance at the ever-more-remarkable medieval wall-paintings, about to disappear until December for resumed conservation behind a web of scaffolding.

However, many were tempted by the arrival of Michael Wood, television's popular historian, who was filming for his forthcoming BBC series on the history of Britain.

Fortunately, the church had a cunning plan to inform and entertain both visitors and the TV crew. Local artist Emma Levey, excited by the painting talents of the medieval craftsmen, had decided to offer visitors the chance to re-create the skills of the past.

The result was *Paint Your Dragon 2011*.

In practice, this meant lime-washing a temporary panel wall, creating large-scale copies of our paintings' characters, foraging for genuine original pigments and then inviting visitors to get painting.



ABOVE: Michael Wood was thrilled to see 'Llanccarfarn's treasure' for the first time.

The upshot was that, to the delight of the film crew, the church buzzed with visitors.

At least half of the youngsters and grown-ups were caught red handed – mixing and painting with brilliant reds and oranges, some of which ochres Emma gathered personally from the Clearwell Caves Iron Mining Museum in the Forest of Dean.

"We couldn't have made this happen!" exclaimed Michael Wood's camera crew. "This is a community really bringing history to life!"

As a result, Michael tore up his script, inter-

viewed some of our citizens, and recorded his pieces to camera amid the hubbub of youngsters painting themselves into the past.

Among those involved was the remarkably pragmatic priest-in-charge, Peggy Jackson and Mrs Sally Brereton, headteacher of the Llanccarfarn school. "The fascinating thing," said Mrs Brereton, "is that by re-living the skills of the past, we learn so much."

Very much in agreement was Emma Levey's volunteer colleague, professional conservator Penny Hill. Penny is a prime mover with the re-



ABOVE:

A montage of the different paintings produced on the day.

created paintings in St Teilo's re-erected church at St Fagan's.

"Look at those drips!" she said with true academic enthusiasm.

"There's a drip just like that on your real paintings, which means that back in the 1480s, they were working with runny paints!"

The present day runny paints, created from egg-yolks, ochres and something called Vine Black-French (glorified soot!), resulted in some notable recreations – which to be honest only served to underline the paramount skills of Llanccarfarn's ancient artists.

In the words of one junior villager: "I never thought going to church could be such fun!"

Michael Wood's new series is to be transmitted in 2012 – and The GEM will be the first to know the date, once the BBC agrees on the title!

The church will be closed until the end of November, except for services or by special request.



ABOVE:

Some painting tuition!

FLORAL DEMO

THE Cowbridge and District Flower Arrangers Club will hold a meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday, October 5, in Ramoth Church Hall, Cowbridge, when Claire Breward will give a demonstration entitled 'Floral Inspirations'.



ABOVE:

Local youngsters took part in 'Paint Your Dragon' and had the added excitement of being filmed for TV.



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AN AUSSIE GOURMET LOOKS AT UK FOOD

Top TV MasterChef explains what goes into making an amazing dining experience

FOOD festivals are all the rage these days – in Wales there have been more than 30 in the past year, and Cowbridge's is now just four weeks away.

MasterChef's John Torode has spoken about how he manages a TV career, running two restaurants and enjoying visiting festivals around the country.

Although not attending Cowbridge's Food Festival, John stressed that it is often places far from London that excite him the most.

It is currently one of TV's busiest celebrity chefs, with three versions of MasterChef currently on the go.

Blood had already been spilled on the Celebrity MasterChef set, as lingerie entrepreneur Michelle Mone filleted her hand, rather than the fish, in the very first episode!

But that's ancient history to John, who is currently filming the main MasterChef series, set to air early next year.

As the presenter of a trio of MasterChefs (Junior MasterChef being the third) many wannabe chefs have passed through his

by SARAH O'MEARA

kitchens. But despite having presented more than 14 series of the hit cooking show, he finds the search for new talent never wears thin.

"There are highlights within every series. Times when you taste something and it brings you into absolute raptures. And you hope that continues all the way through," he said.

At the moment, the Aussie chef is up to his neck in amateurs competing for the coveted Masterchef Of The Year title.

"Starting a new series, you have the most extraordinary sense of expectation," said Torode, happy to talk, but careful not to give away any revelatory details.

"We're in the throws of discovering the best amateur cooks in the country and there's nothing more brilliant than that..."

And, of course, he and co-presenter Greg Wallace aren't at all picky...

"They have a gift," insisted Torode emphatically about what makes a winner. "In the same way some people are able to play an instrument, with what seems like no effort at all, great cooks have a palate,

their senses are alive.

"It's not just about how things look and taste, but how they feel, their texture, their smell and how they cook."

"It's almost like they've got an extra sense and can harness it to make something extraordinary."

During the past decade, Torode has enjoyed being at the centre of Britain's food revolution.

MasterChef winners have come from far and wide – a reflection of how high-quality cooking has infiltrated every corner of the British Isles.

For Torode, some of his favourite food haunts are way outside of the capital, where he owns two restaurants. "Being an Aussie, I like the idea of being near a bit of water, so for me it's all about what the coast has to offer."

"I adore heading to Craster on the Northumbrian coast, where there's an amazing castle."

"Then you can walk along the beach, end up at the pub, and eat the best crab sandcastle, washed down with a bottle of dog."

"That for me is the essence of local food. And I love Norfolk for the same reason." Torode also spends time in Cornwall, where he says chefs

such as Nathan Outlaw are cooking up a coastal storm.

"You can go wherever you like and you'll find these extraordinary places that are fantastic."

"And it's lucky there are so many people wanting to be chefs, because growth in the restaurant business across the country is so great now."

Currently taking part in London's Restaurant Festival, during which cooks from all over the country will be demonstrating their skills, Torode says he loves the influences diverse food events are having on cooking culture.

"I was recently at the Liverpool Food Festival and it blew my mind. There were 20,000 people being really interested in what was going on."

"It was a great chance to do something we all love: eat, drink and talk!"

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Ryan Gosling electrifies in retro 1980s thriller

THE Mickey Mouse Club in America has seen many of its members go onto achieve huge acclaim.

The likes of Christina Aguilera, Justin Timberlake and Britney Spears have all set the world alight as they have managed to amass mainstream glory.

Now, another member of the esteemed club has taken a different path to success.

Ryan Gosling has eschewed the direct route to stardom, instead working on low-budget independent features that have allowed him to blossom into one

of Hollywood's brightest prospects.

Having lit up the likes of *Half Nelson*, *Lars and The Real Girl* and *Blue Valentine*, Gosling now teams up with Nicolas Winding Refn for *Drive*.

He plays Driver, a mechanic and stunt driver who also moonlights as a getaway driver. Despite living a quiet existence off the radar, he becomes close to his neighbour Irene (Carey Mulligan) and her young son.

But when he offers to help the recently released from prison husband fulfil a robbery, things go awry and Driver is forced on the run from those who want him dead.

Drive is the sort of film you could imagine some action-mad director like Michael Bay would make, most probably with some lunk-headed actor in the main role with all manner of crazy car stunts and action set pieces -

it would also be, more than likely, a complete waste of time.

So giving the material to a leftfield director like Nicolas Winding Refn was the best option and the result is a minimalist film that is mesmeric to watch, with a great cast delivering the goods.

Those who have seen any of Refn's previous work, from his outstanding biopic *Bronson* to the *Pusher* trilogy will be aware of his ability behind the camera, yet here he is a little more sedate, the film's woozy languid pace matched by Refn's direction.

The opening setpiece, of Driver on a getaway job is skillfully composed and played out, bombast making way for intelligence and clever driving and we get clear insight into the motivations and mentalities of the character. Refn's economy setting out his stall for the rest of the film.

With the neon lights of Los Angeles so strong in the mix, comparisons to Michael Mann here are both predictable and accurate, the film sharing a kinship with Mann's *Thief* and, to a lesser degree, *Heat*.

There is an 80s influence with the neon pink credit text and soundtrack but Refn makes the story feel almost timeless. The sporadic action and violence is both extreme and jarring, the calm of the piece shattered by these moments, but Refn draws maximum impact out of them.

In the lead, it is another flawless turn from Ryan Gosling, whose dialogue may be kept to the minimum but his charisma burns through brightly in a beautifully understated performance.

With his mix of quiet malice and cool, Gosling radiates in what will inevitably be a cult hero in the making. The actor is absolutely superb and he is sur-

rounded by top notch support. Carey Mulligan offers another fine turn and yet more evidence that she is set to become one of Britain's best exports.

Her chemistry with Gosling, all stolen glances rather than dialogue, gives the emotional counterpoint to the masculinity on display.

Bryan Cranston, from TV's *Breaking Bad*, is similarly as good as Driver's boss and confidant, the actor delivering the craggy voice-of-reason role, shorn of stereotype.

Ron Perlman and Albert Brooks, as a pair of gang lords, offer gravitas and, in the latter's case, a chilling malevolence and menace, the comedian showing he is more than capable of doing 'serious'.

Of course, in today's cinematic world of computer-generated action and 3D, *Drive* seems pretty small-fry - but that is the piece's immense power.

Certainly it doesn't reinvent the wheel, taking a story that has been told many times before, but the electric performance of Gosling and Refn's stylish direction mean that the film maintains a degree of individuality that makes it stand out from the pack.

Now let's hope that Michael Bay doesn't try and get his hands on any possible sequel.

SCREEN TALK



by **GARETH JAMIESON**

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VERDICT: An outstanding effort, *Drive* is a stylish thriller propelled by Nicolas Winding Refn's skillful and measured direction and Ryan Gosling's mesmerising lead turn.

Deconstructing what could have been a predictable genre piece and infusing it with no little panache, *Drive* is retro delight from start to finish. *Essential viewing.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Thief* (1981), *Miami Vice* (2005).

Skating session

CLWB Cymru RFS is holding skating sessions at Colcot Sports Centre on **Thursdays from October 6, 7pm-9pm.**

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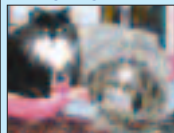
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The production is

directed by Eileen Carryer with a cast of eight members - Nicky Marsh, Hilary Morgan, Deryn Grigg, Graham and Cynthia Russell, Andrew Gibbons, Derek Hooper and Jane Rapier. David Edwards makes another guest appearance.

Out of Focus is presented at the Parish Hall, Briwray Road on November 10, 11 and 12 at 7.30pm.

For tickets, telephone 02920 512868 or 02920 512945.

WALK IN THE WOOD WEEK

ON October 3-9, local Ramblers are taking part in a national walking festival to encourage as many people as possible to enjoy the delights of walking and to highlight a campaign to save woodland walks.

On October 3, meet at 10.30am at Dinas Powys village square for a 3.5-mile easy/moderate walk at Cwm George and Park Wood; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

On October 4, 10am at All Saints Church, Park Road, Barry for a five-mile easy walk at Porthkerry; contact Val W on 01446 734925.

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All are welcome to attend, but it is advisable to call 01446 403814 to make an appointment.

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THE Vale of Glamorgan AM, Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery on Friday,

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Cowbridge coffee
THE Mayor of Cowbridge will again be hosting a coffee morning in the Mayor's Parlour of Cowbridge Town Hall this Saturday morning, between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

All are welcome to have coffee and cakes for just £2.50.

The proceeds will all go to the Mayor's charities, which this year are Marie Curie Cancer Care and the Welsh Air Ambulance.

Mind fete
THE Western Vale Project of Mind in the Vale will be holding its annual fete at Llantion Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, October 1 from 10am-3pm. Call 01446 796416.

Friends' coffee
FRIENDS and Neighbours are celebrating Older Persons Day on Saturday, October 1, with a coffee morning at the Senior Health Shop, Holton Road, Barry. The event will be opened by Jane Hutt AM, at 10am.

Admission is free and there will be a wide range of attractive stalls. Refreshments will be available and a raffle will be drawn.

All proceeds of the coffee morning will be used for Friends and Neighbours' Christmas party and other activities.

Contact Gay Fifield on 01446 400044 for further information.

Rhoose surgery
RHOOSE ward councillors Jeff James and Gordon Kemp will be holding one of their regular advice surgeries on Saturday, October 1 at Rhoose Community Hall from 10am-12noon.

No appointment is necessary and all Rhoose ward residents are welcome. For further information, contact 01446 710690.

Churches celebrate
THE Barry churches of St Paul's and Merthyr Dyfan hold harvest festival celebrations this Sunday (October 2) at Merthyr Dyfan church at 8.45am, or at St Paul's Church in St Paul's Avenue at 10am.

Everyone is encouraged to bring fruit and vegetables either fresh, or tinned; all of which will be given to the homeless. Services will be led by the Rector, Father Robert Parrish.

Harvest welcome
AFTER a very successful coffee morning for Bethesda'r Fro and Llantwit church funds,

Bethesda'r Fro is holding its annual Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 2 at 3pm.

The service will be taken by Mr Idris Jones and all are welcome to stay for tea, cakes and sandwiches afterwards.

Barry toy and train sale
BARRY toy and train sale returns on Sunday, October 2 between 10.30am and 3pm at Barry Leisure Centre in Greenwood Street.

Now well-established alongside its sister show (Cardiff toy and train sale at Penarth Leisure Centre), Barry's is held each year in February, October and December.

Traders come from a wide area of Wales and across the border in England.

Large amounts of model railway stock are on sale, but die-cast also makes a strong appearance, along with many other items and the keynote at Barry is always value-for-money.

Organiser Chris Dyer said: "We look forward to Barry and the excellent venue. There is so much free parking, level and easy access, plus a top-rate caterer on-site for the day, offering choice, quality and value."

"All in all, we can offer a very happy event in a wonderful atmosphere and with some of the lowest admission charges for any such show in the UK."

Further details on 01643 702757 and 07966 694579; website www.chrisdyerfairs.co.uk.

Quiz night cancelled
DUE to unforeseen circumstances, the Barry Town Mayor's Mayor's Charity Rugby Quiz Night, which was due to be held at the Barry Rugby Club on Sunday, October 2 at 7pm has been cancelled.

For further information, contact Barry Town

Council on 01446 704920.

Total CAOS set to Dazzle!
FOLLOWING their successful concert of Disney favourites in July, Total CAOS, the youth group of CAOS, is beginning rehearsals for its debut musical Dazzle!

Set against the fading glitz and glamour of a seaside unfair it's the story of one girl's fight against its take-over and closure by a mean property developer.

The production takes place in February 2012 during half term week and it's not too late to join in.

Total CAOS meet every Monday in school term time at Wick Village Hall from 5pm to 6.30pm and is open to anybody aged eight-18 who wants to sing, dance and act.

Full details are available from the secretary Jenny Hill on 01446 713110 or the chairperson Mel Bruford on 07791303853.

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Judging of the best vintage tractor will be held at 10am and the run will start at 10.30am - Ogmores By Sea, Southerndown, St Brides Major, Taircross, Ewenny and back to Ogmores Village - about 16.56 miles after 6pm.



www.cowbridgefoodanddrink.org



What makes your local pub great?

Competition closes this Friday. Last chance to vote!

It has been well publicised that several pubs are closing in Wales every week - happily that is not the case in the Vale; in fact, many establishments are reporting record business levels.

To celebrate some of the excellent family-owned, or run Vale pubs, The GEM is looking for regular customers to vote for their favourite in our new 'Prize Pub' competition feature.

Prize...

A 12 month advertising campaign in The GEM and on-line, worth more than £5,000.

The competition will run during September and the winner will be announced in October.

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Parking/cab service (will they call one for you?)
Music/Guest entertainers
Interiors/Christmas decorations
Community involvement and charity support
Green credentials, eg: commitment to recycling of food waste, rain water for watering plants, etc.

What to do next...

Enter by email or post - closing date is Friday, 30th September, 2011. You must supply your name, address and land-line telephone number. Tell us, in no more than 100 words, why you believe your local is the best. State the name of the landlord/landlady, pub name and location, and how often you visit.

Send your entries, marked 'Prize Pub' to: **The GEM, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge, CF71 7EL** or email: gemsales@tindlenews.co.uk

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The five pubs that receive the most entries will be visited by a mystery diner/judge, whereupon the winner will be decided. The winner will be announced in The GEM in October. No correspondence concerning the decision will be entered into. The judge's decision is final.

BARRY RUGBY CLUB ROUND-UP

Seconds rue missed chance as they exit knockout Cup

BARRY Second XV were knocked out of the Cardiff and District Cup despite a battling effort against Cardiff High School Old Boys at home on Saturday.

With the squad yet again decimated with late withdrawals, many Barrians had to step up to the mark and made their debuts for the Second XV, but all applied themselves superbly.

James Thorne, starting at the unfamiliar position of full-back, was solid under the high ball and showcased his handling skills in attack, while Luke Hewitson also made an impression in his new position of centre.

Despite the loss of Christian Prosser early on to a hand injury, the pack dominated proceedings, especially at the scrum, with the front row of Ashley

BARRY 2nd XV 12
CARDIFF HSOB 2nd XV 17

Brown, Sam Bowditch and Andrew Corne turning the screw on numerous occasions.

The make-shift back line, however, allowed their concentration to slip in the first half as the visitors scored the first try.

It was a former Barrian who got the home team back in the game, as Michael Jones finished off a fine flowing backs move after latching on to Hewitson's fine pass to score in the corner. Adam Lee was unable to add the extras from a difficult angle.

With Lee's kicking game returning to form, Barry were gaining confidence and possession as the half went on, despite playing up the slope.

Jones scored his second before half time after good work by

Thorne. Lee slotted over the conversion.

Kyle Case was colossal in the line-out and was also dynamic in the loose, while the introduction of another Barrian, Shane Parker, allowed Owain Poole to return to the back row, where he resembled his

destructive best.

Despite appearing to have the upper hand, however, the away side came away with the tie by pouncing on turnovers and scored two tries in the second half, as the green-and-whites failed to score after the interval.

After escaping with a last-gasp penalty last time out, there was no repeat as Barry let a

game that they should have won slip from their grasp.

Team: Thorne; Jones, Hewitson, Poole, Jenkins; Williams, Lee; Corne, Hosking, Bowditch; Haigh (captain), Summerhayes; Prosser, Case, Munro.

Subs used: Brown, Betts, Lundy, Parker. **Men-of-the-match:** Thorne and Case.

KC

Forward power is the key for Sully



Forwards coach Maama Molotika, whose expertise led to Sports driving over a maul that started on halfway!

SULLY Sports 1st XV played hosts to **Star RFC** last Saturday.

Both teams started off physically up front, with Sully keeping Star on the back foot for most of the first half. Star's defence proved tough to break, and with Sully's discipline letting them down, Star took advantage of a kickable penalty to take the lead 3-0.

The Sports came straight back, with the forwards dominating most of the ball and attacking with phase after phase.

This set up a platform for the backs to use some great handling skills and for player/coach Grantley Harris to score the first try of the match.

Going into half-time with the score 5-3, it was down to forwards coach Maama Molotika to lay down where Sports were going together and attacked,

SULLY SPORTS 1st XV 15
STAR RFC 6

wrong.

Star opted to kick for territory, which left it to full-back Wayne Jones and winger Nathan Taylor bring the ball back with some storming runs.

Great hands put Grantley over the line again, only for the ref's decision of 'held up'.

A Sports line out saw Mike Angove take a clean ball and set up a rolling maul, driving Star from the halfway line over their try line for Jason Evans to score his first try for the club.

From the re-start, Sports took their eye off the game and Star came charging at them, turning over a ruck on Sports' 22.

Again, Sports' discipline let them down, giving Star another kickable penalty.

The Sports got it together and attacked,

resulting in Star giving away a penalty. The Sports opted for a scrum on Stars' 22. As the ref called 'last play' Sports knew this was the last chance to put points on the board and move Star away from a losing bonus point.

A massive effort from the full eight saw a big drive and No 8 Matthew George scored the final try.

All in all, it was a great day for Sully Sports, with the Seconds beating local rivals Sea View 76-13.

Team: J Griffith, A Wakefield, A Wheeler, M Angove (captain), T Sloman, J Evans, M George, D Russell, J Dimond, M Mees, G Harris, D Stilman, W Jones, N Taylor. **Reps:** I Yasin, J Thomas, D Weston.

RP

Under-14s put in two impressive performances

ON their first visit over the Severn Bridge last Sunday, Barry under-14s came away with two impressive victories that were lauded by supporters from all sides!

With three floodlit pitches, sauna, steam rooms and gymnasium, the facilities at Cleve were something to behold, and when the hosts ran-out their players also looked the part – and clearly felt that their size and physicality would soon put away their visitors from south Wales.

However, they were soon stunned into silence with three blistering tries from Callum Mickelsen, Scott Griffith and Cameron Gibbon.

Captain Gibbon duly converted two of the tries, including his own. At the end of the first half Barry led 0-19, which was a testimony to their supreme fitness and superior skills.

The off loading in contact was a pleasure to watch and the quick ruck ball, which is the cornerstone of Barry's approach to the game, didn't leave the opposition much chance at all.

The second half went the same way as the first

with a well angled run from winger Lloyd James, converted by his captain.

Griffith then got his second, which was converted and the game ended 0-33.

The second game of the tour was against Bath-based side Avonvale, again, a very physical side who towered above the Barry boys.

This didn't faze the Welsh team though and they soaked up the pressure and threw it back at Avonvale with a try apiece for Josh Kemp and Lloyd James.

Gibbon converted both to end the half 0-14.

With no score in the second half but plenty of pressure from Avonvale, Barry held on to win the game.

Not only did the team come away with two great wins, they didn't concede a point and afterwards in the clubhouse, coaches from the host teams were very complimentary about the style, fitness and sheer doggedness of the boys from Barry.

If you are an experienced rugby player and are looking to join Barry RFC under-14s, please contact Ioan Evans on 07764256428.

IE

Youth's great effort is foiled as rub of the green deserts them

PLAYING away to a side two divisions above them in Rumney was never going to be easy for Barry youth XV, even if the fixture was a friendly.

This was especially true when last week's two-try hero Luke O'Sullivan became this week's villain, when he threw a quick pass which was appreciatively intercepted by Rumney and took them under the posts for a seven-point lead.

A missed penalty by Einar Scott, and captain Ethan Dicks having to leave the field further dampened prospects.

However as the game wore on, Rumney's attack was thwarted and Barry pulled off some fine forward drives, quickly followed by some fine back play, but unfortunately nothing came to fruition, except for a penalty by Einar Scott.

Rumney showed some class later in the first half, when from a set piece scrum the ball was moved quickly and efficiently to the talented full back, and he crossed for an unconverted try.

Rumney's luck further improved when they were gifted yet another interception try which went in under the posts. The conversion was astonishingly charged down by a singularly leaping Einar Scott who denied them the further two points. Barry went into the break 19-3 down.

Misfortune did not deter the team's efforts and in the second half, Barry took the game to Rumney, who knew they had a fight on their hands.

This was soon proved when, following accurate handling, the ball was passed to centre Brad White, who crashed through tackles to go over the white-wash.

The referee, however, adjudged a knock-on, and there were no points for the effort.

Not deterred, Barry responded with another penalty and Luke O'Sullivan threw off the villain tag when, following a concerted drive by the forwards, he crossed the line. The difficult conversion was unfortunately missed. To a man the Barry team's tackling was resolute, solid and determined and if Rumney wanted points they had to be earned.

Despite plentiful assaults by the home side, they failed to score in the second half and it was during one such surge in the final minute the Rumney full back was stopped when he was brought crashing down by a pincer tackle by Connelly and Ellis.

Unfortunately their heads collided and play was halted awaiting the

smelling salts. With time ticking, the referee decided to blow up.

Had there not been two interceptions and a disallowed try, and with lady luck on Barry's side, this could have been a dream result.

Team: Sion Vidal, Campbell Prosser, Tom Ellis, Jordan Sheeky, Josh Westall, Andre Williamson, Dan MacListon, Luke O'Sullivan, Rhidian Mephram, Einar Scott, Mike Hamonda, Ryan Case, Brad White, Jake Connelly, Ethan Dicks, Jordan Clarke, Blake Wall, Nathan Harris, Jordan Protheroe and Troy Rudd.

Next Saturday's is a League fixture away to Fairwater, the bus leaves the clubhouse at 1pm.

MM

Vale's Maria triumphs in 100-mile race

The Vale's adventure racing athlete Maria Leijerstam notched up another win in a 100-mile race spanning the width of Scotland.

The Scottish Coast to Coast adventure race started in Nairn, East of Inverness, and finished in Glencoe on the west coast.

Racing solo, Maria took the female title in the 'expert class' showing her skill and speed in trail running, road biking, kayaking, mountain biking and mountain running. She was sponsored by 'inov-8' for the race.

Despite the urgency of the competition, Maria was able to savour some of the picturesque sights too.

"It was a really tough race but the scenery was absolutely spectacular and I had to stop a few times just to look around."

"The problem is you can never stop for more than a few moments, because there is always someone chasing you!"



Maria Leijerstam.

Maria completed the race in 14 hours 8 minutes.

She is now back in the Vale busily planning for two local adventure races due to take place in October – the Cardiff Burn and Margam Mini Burn.

Maria added: "Each event involves running, cycling and kayaking and is a perfect way of experiencing multisport adventure racing."

For more information on events, people can go to: www.multisport-wales.co.uk.

A family postcard from Cardiff

GEM columnist Brian Lee has teamed up with his daughter Amanda Harvey to compile 'A Postcard from Cardiff', a 128-page book of 200 postcard images chosen to illustrate the changing face of the capital city of Wales.

Informative captions accompany the pictures and with chapters on Cardiff Castle, the civic centre, sport, school days, memorable moments, parks and open spaces, it is a book not only for postcard enthusiasts but for anyone who wants to know more about this vibrant city.

Brian (75), is no stranger to the columns of the Glamorgan GEM having written for the paper for many years, mostly on point-to-point and horse racing. His daughter Amanda (51) is feature writer for the international Morris Minor magazine and has also contributed to a number of women's magazines.

Penarth warm up for new lacrosse season

PENARTH Lacrosse Club hosted a pre-season tournament on Saturday at the Athletic ground.

Cardiff Harlequins from the premier division joined Penarth, who play in the west one division. The coaches of the under-19 Welsh squad entered a team, as did Swansea Hawks from west two division.

The fifth team was from UWIC, who play in the British universities west league.

The tournament was played eight a side, as opposed to the normal 10, and games were eight minutes each way, rather than the normal four 20-minute quarters.

This format suited two of Penarth's newer players, Dave Macardle and Sam Middlemiss, who were able to use their pace to create chances for Penarth all afternoon.

The sides played a round robin section first. Cardiff showed their experience and won all of their games and went

into the final. The under 19s finished on six points from four games. UWIC and Swansea came in just ahead on seven.

Penarth squeezed into the final game by one point, the difference made by a single goal advantage.

The performance of James Griffiths in goal, and the close attack work of new boy Conner Boyes were both very important.

The final went the way of the premiership club, but Penarth did reduce the margin of defeat from the round robin game.

Overall everyone found it a good run out before the league season gets under way next weekend.

Anyone interested in playing is very welcome at Penarth Lacrosse Club. Games are on Saturday afternoons and training is on a Wednesday evening. Contact the club coach Ray Nash on 02920 591900.

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Sully seconds rout rivals

LEFT: Action from the game.

SEA VIEW 2ND XV 13
SULLY SPORTS 2ND XV 76

SULLY Sports 2nd XV continued their fine form with a thirteen try rout over local rivals Sea View.

A local derby such as this generally throws up a close affair but Sully were on a different level to their opponents right from the off, displaying silky handling skills and enjoyed the lions share of possession throughout the whole game.

The Sully pack dominated from the off, giving their counterparts all sort of problems both in the set piece, with the front five turning the screw in every scrum, and in the loose with great support play from the backrow interlinking with the dynamic running of the backline.

Sully racked up the tries in the first half thanks to scrum half Lee Walters going over with two opportunist tries as a result of the Sully pressure in the scrum, while No.8 Justin Di Tomaso collected another two, breaking down the blind side from an attacking scrum for one and collecting an off load from his back row partner Harry Moyle to crash over in the

corner.

Sully continued this wave after wave of attacking from near enough every restart, with lock Alex Szuchnik gaining many yards with his trademark runs, getting behind the Sea View defence and allowing Sully to capitalise at every opportunity, allowing the ball to do the work and playing with great width.

The talismanic Mike Saunders at fly half amassed a total of thirty one points with four tries, four conversions and one penalty, while Ian Moore crossed over for a hat trick of tries as well, continually cutting through the opponents' midfield like a hot knife through butter.

Sea View had no answer to the tempo that Sully Sports played and when they did have possession, the Sully defence tackled aggressively and turned them over at the breakdown.

The try of the match came with pretty much every Sully player having a hand on the ball, using the width of the park and resulting in Ian Paterson touching down in the corner late in the second half.

The scoring didn't end there

though, with flanker Harry Moyle picking up from a ruck and going straight through untouched as the Sea View defence spread out to try to stop yet another attack.

It was a deserved try for the impressive openside who, with his forwards, had terrorised the Sea View defence all day.

The final whistle blew much to Sea View's relief as Sully Sports 2nd XV had given them a lesson in running rugby.

The team had carried out an impressive rout of their rivals, combining the speed of youth and the nous of the older heads in the side and with the guidance of Gerald Cordle on the sidelines, it is an ingredient that should see more success throughout the season!

Team: N.Allsopp, M.Stingl, L.Moore, P.Mees (c), I.Paterson, M.Saunders, L.Walters; D.Stillman, J.Jenkins, A.Penberthy, A.Szuchnik, B.Sutch, J.Moyle, H.Moyle, J.Di Tomaso; Reps: J.Jenkins, B.Clark, N.Harkin, M.Harkin, A.Mcluskay, S.Mills, R.Thomas, P.Miller, S.Sanford, M.Cordle.

JDT

SULLY SPORTS UNDER-9s HAVE GOT THE POWER!



Sully FC under-9s trying out their new kit at a recent training session.

YOUNGSTERS from Sully Sports FC under-9s were presented with their kit by the south Wales electricity company Western Power Distribution (WPD) at a recent training session. Alistair Bowman,

who works for WPD and whose son plays in the team, said: "It was great to be able to present the team with their new kit. I'm sure they will wear it with pride."

RHOOSE UNDER-13s HOLD ON

Rhoose under-13s 3
Dinas Powys 1

RHOOSE knew they had to take advantage of the strong wind in the first half and began attacking straight from the whistle.

Josh Brown opened the scoring for Rhoose with a well-worked move down the right involving Daniel Cope and Cameron Leach.

Despite the blustery conditions, Dinas looked to go forward and Rhoose keeper Michael Wilson was called into action on several occasions.

Jordan Holt made some strong runs down the left and linked up well with Matt Cottingham, who pushed up from the back.

Mitch McCabe increased the lead for Rhoose after being

found in space by Ryan Hughes.

Just before the interval, Mitch McCabe found the net again after getting on the end of a long range pass by Lee Bartlett.

In the second half, Dinas used the wind well and created some good opportunities, but Patrick O'Carroll and Edward Thomas kept their composure and worked tirelessly for the team.

Dinas reduced the deficit with a powerful strike and Rhoose knew they had to keep their nerve.

Bradley Cayton and Joe Hopkins helped to protect the Rhoose defence and the whole team was relieved when the final whistle went.

MB

Dockers B's delight as a late 'wonder strike' seals victory

On a perfect day for football, Dockers B travelled to Swanbridge hoping to put their season back on track.

Sully dominated early proceedings, while the Dockers struggled to play their passing game.

Nat Taylor-Moore had the Dockers' best chance but shot wide. Sully scored just before half with a simple bit of pass and move football.

The manager had some strong words at half time but Dockers found themselves two down with an own goal by debutant Sam Whittell.

Then the Dockers started to get more fluent – Ryan Mason crossed and Nat Taylor-

Moore fired home to make it 2-1. Sully still looked dangerous as the Dockers pressed forward and the outstanding Ferguson put in two game-saving tackles.

With less than five minutes to go Ferguson cracked in a left foot volley to make it 2-2.

The Dockers now sensed an unlikely victory, and Nat Taylor-Moore controlled the ball with his head, one bounce and bang – a 25 yard volley left the stand-in keeper stranded.

The strike sent the Dockers' away support into delirium.

Thanks to Mark Harvey for refereeing and commiserations to Sully who deserved a draw.

JH

Under-16s team take on Fairwater and elements!

BARRY under-16s played their first match of the season on September 25 away at Fairwater in heavy rain and on a muddy pitch.

Fairwater took the lead after a few minutes breaking through Barry's defence and went into the lead at half time with two tries and two successful conversions – 14 – 0.

In the second half Fairwater didn't have it all their own way.

Jack Legg's grubber kick through was chased by Tom Adams, who kicked the ball on towards the line and dived onto the ball, scoring Barry's first try.

Barry's second try also involved Jack Legg, producing a cracking cross-field kick for Matthew O'Sullivan to run down the touchline and score.

Unfortunately neither of Barry's tries was successfully converted.

It was wet and slippery with both teams finding it hard to stay on their feet and Barry having to replace two of their players due to injuries.

Barry got near Fairwater's try-line a couple of times but with referee's decisions going against them, they were not able to take the moves further.

Fairwater scored a third try and converted again in the second half.

Barry put up a good defence and stopped Fairwater scoring more tries.

The game ended Barry 10 – 21 Fairwater.

Barry under-16s' next game is against Maesteg Welsh at home on October 2.

If there are any experienced players who would like to join the Barry under-16 team, come to training at the Reservoir Fields on a Sunday morning at 10am and ask for the coach Rhidian Scott or Paul Richards; alternatively, phone Tracey Adams on 07828 667 959.

The under-16s would like to thank this season's sponsors WilliamsPM Electrical Ltd. and LA Supplies Sportsware.

Atoms stand strong against Fairwater

IN a pulsating game Barry Atoms under-9s ran out winners by 8 tries to 7 against a very determined Fairwater side.

It was an end to end affair, and a real treat for spectators with Fairwater coming out from the start showing real intent and scoring from the off.

With some tremendous forward play Barry came back, and the game went to and fro, with tries by E. Galsworthy (6), C.Denbury and D. Griffiths ensuring victory.

Squad: J.Couch E.Galsworthy R.Rendell C.Denbury D.Griffiths M.Boffy D.Wall T.Pugh J. Jones and O. Llewellyn Smith.

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LOCAL SWIMMERS RAISE MONEY FOR BARRY CLUB



Bag packing at Morrisons raised buckets of funds!

ON Sunday September 18, Barry Amateur Swimming Club helped shoppers at Morrisons supermarket in Barry pack their shopping.

This event was held to raise much needed funds for the club and with the help of many swimmers, parents and friends, the kind customers of Morrisons gave a total £925.71.

The club would like to thank customers for their kind donations and would also like to thank the staff for making us most welcome.

A big well done must go to Llinos Goodland, who stayed nearly all day to pack the bags, and to Alex and Molly Hopkins who stayed all afternoon.

Barry Amateur Swimming Club is always looking for new members to join the club so if you would like a trial, please phone Mrs Heulwen Cooper on 01446 733784.

We swim at Barry Leisure Centre and Cardiff International Pool; for more information please look on the Barry Amateur Swimming Club website.

TW



Llinos Goodland with Simon Perry and Ryan Taylor.

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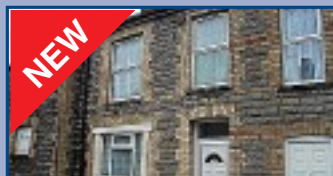
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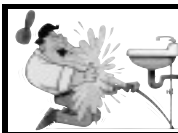
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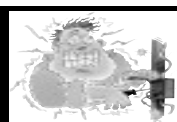
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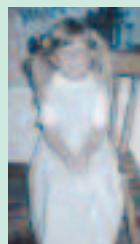
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Family Notices

Trisha Pippin

29.6.49 - 24.9.11

Trisha died after an illness borne with enormous dignity and courage. She will be greatly missed by her husband, Phillip, sons Carwyn and Alun, her grandchildren and all her family.

Funeral service to be held on Wednesday, October 5th, 2011, 2.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium.

No flowers. Donations may be made to a Cancer charity of your choice.

HIGGINS

Mary

Peacefully on September 23rd at Milsom House, St Athan. Mary, formerly of Rhose, who will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James and Sons, Ffônnon.

Funeral Thursday October 6, service 1.45pm at St Peter's Church, Rhose, followed by cremation at The Vale of Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 3.00pm.

Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Home, or donation to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o J W James, 11 Ffônnon Road, Rhose, CF62 3DZ.

Mervyn Williams

1928-2011

Previously of the Pentre, Rhonda, died at home in Llantwit Major on Saturday August 27, 2011.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 60 years, Eileen.

He was father to Gareth, Stephen, Keith and Marian, with daughters-in-law Audrey and Ann, and also son-in-law Christopher. He was a grandfather and great-grandfather.

A private family funeral was held on September 6, 2011.

If desired, donations in memory of Mervyn would be welcome to Llamau, via the funeral directors, W A Brown and Son of Llantwit Major.

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NOW ELIN (10) IS ON THE RADIO!



LEFT: Elin Alexander from Penarth, who recently recorded a radio advert voiceover for a children's charity and is also set for an appearance in 'Casualty'.

ELIN Alexander (aged 10) from Penarth, has recently recorded a radio advert voiceover for a children's charity.

She landed the job after a telephone audition with the casting director, and also filmed an episode of 'Casualty' earlier this year.

Elin has also been selected as part of the choir for the touring production of *Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat* in The New Theatre, Cardiff. She

will be performing in a two-week run of the show, singing on stage for the whole show.

She said: "I am so excited to be involved in the show as it is one of my favourite musicals. I watch the TV show *Any Dream Will Do* and Keith Jack was definitely one of my favourites, so I am really looking forward to meeting him."

The Mark Jermin Stage School in Penarth is looking for more children to be involved in the show; telephone 01792 458855.

Grant to help Penarth Pavilion

THE Welsh Government has awarded £300,000 towards the restoration and refurbishment of the Penarth pier pavilion.

A total of 15 organisations across Wales will share over £2.58 million of funding for projects aimed at regenerating the local area.

Assembly minister Carl Sargeant said: "These grants are not simply about improving buildings. Local clubs and centres can be the hub of the community where people, young and old, get together and enjoy social activities."

U3A branch meets at Sully

THE University of the Third Age (U3A) - an organisation dedicated to providing learning for people who are no longer working

arrived in Sully. "At the recent inaugural meeting, held in the Old School at Sully, over 100 people applied for membership, and this is just the start,"

said Ian Mathias, the initial driving force behind the Sully branch.

The first full meeting of Sully U3A will be held on Thursday, October 13, at 2pm in the Old School, Sully. All members and potential members welcome.

For further information contact: 07828 154701 or 07720 257686, membership@sullyu3a.co.uk

Barry table sale for Eisteddfod

A TABLE-TOP sale and coffee morning will be held on Saturday, October 1, in the Welsh chapel on King's Square, Barry, from 10.30am-2.30pm.

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Facing Gwernyfed, a relegated side from the league above and with a wealth of experience, the Bombettes opted for contested scrums, and

with both sides only having 15 players and no subs, it promised to be a battle from the off.

The first 20 minutes saw Gwernyfed fighting to get out of their own half despite having the slope to their advantage. Eventually their experience told and they managed to gain some ground and score a try.

Further pressure saw Gwernyfed score a converted try close to the half-time whistle.

The Bombettes were

undeterred and started the second half briskly.

Despite plenty of endeavour, Gwernyfed showed their experience by creating and finishing off three overlaps to make the final score 29-0. The Bombettes had dominated the line outs and competed strongly in the scrums. For their first game, they played very well and deserve acclaim.

Players of the match: The Bombettes chose Kim Jones and Gwernyfed chose Rebecca Boffy.

The team would like to thank Ray and Sam for their excellent coaching to date and



Andy and Nigel for their assistance.

Special thanks go to Rebecca Boffy for the after match meal, to Hopkins, the butchers, and Jackie's grocers for the supplies and Carol in the club for her hospitality.

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ABOVE:
Action from the lineout as Barry ladies took on Gwernyfed.

Tim's success

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The evening league ladies had a good run, winning their section, but failed at the final hurdle losing to Cardiff and Macintosh.

The outright winners were Bridgend ladies who put on a good show, the runners-up were Cardiff ladies. Well done to the girls who represented the club in both the Welsh and Glamorgan competitions. MD

Lucy's gold joy!

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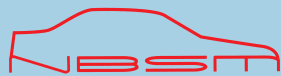
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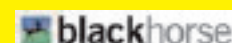


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AFTER PLUCKY NAMIBIA IS HIT BY POINTS BLITZ...

The quarter finals beckon Wales

BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John

AFTER two tough opening matches, Wales must have felt heartily relieved to be facing the less taxing challenge of Rugby World Cup minnows, Namibia, at the Taranaki stadium, New Plymouth, on Monday.

They went into the game knowing that the African team had already conceded a total of 185 points in their previous three matches in Pool D.

Both Samoa and Fiji had rattled up 49 points against them, while world champions South Africa had run in 12 tries, while handing out an 87-0 beating to their smaller neighbours.

Yet it was also true that despite their lowly status on the international stage, Namibia had achieved a measure of success against Wales in their three previous meetings, all on home soil.

At Windhoek on June 2, 1990, the Welsh tourists narrowly won 18-9 - while one week later, Namibia almost pulled off a major shock before being edged out 34-30.

On June 5, 1993, the gap between the two widened to 38-23, but again the plucky Namibians showed a worrying ability to breach the Welsh defence.

In fact, over the three games, they scored a commendable six tries to Wales' 10 - and it all added up to a banana skin of giant proportions for a Welsh team showing 11 changes, which faced Namibia

again this week. Back from injury were prop Gethin Jenkins, ex-skipper Ryan Jones and outside half Stephen Jones, making a record 101st appearance, while Lee Byrne was given a chance to impress at full back, in an experienced line-up that was fully expected to brush aside Namibia's challenge.

On paper at least, it was clearly going to be another mismatch, with the only question being - could Wales surpass their main pool rivals' scoring efforts and also claim a vital bonus point against the only team that has never won a World Cup game?

The answer, in the end, was a resounding yes, but not before a sloppy, error-ridden first half had caused a few palpitations in the Welsh backroom.

Even three tries in the opening 18 minutes from young Scarlets' centre Scott Williams, Dragons' winger Aled Brew and his superb clubmate, No 8 Toby Faletau, plus a Stephen Jones penalty - for a 22-0 first half lead - would not have been enough to erase the sense of unease at the profligate waste of gilt-edged opportunities.

Clearly, some very tough talking at half time had the desired effect, for the tries then came thick and fast.

First, Scott Williams went over for a second try, swiftly followed by a rejuvenated Gethin Jenkins, who shrugged off his injury woes, along with would-be defenders, and burst



Replacement scrumhalf Lloyd Williams goes over for his maiden try.

through like a centre three-quarter from 30 yards out, to make the score 36-0.

The plucky, but outclassed Namibians, who had been made to play four World Cup matches in 16 days, then got on the score sheet with a converted try of their own, after intercepting a loose pass from, of all people, the otherwise dependable Stephen Jones.

However, with the game effectively won, it was now simply a question of piling on the points and it was the signal for head coach Warren Gatland to send in fresh reserves, including former Cowbridge schoolboy, Lloyd Williams in the 58th minute.

Seven Welsh tries then came in a rush, with two for giant wing George North, one each for centres Jonathan Davies, Scott Williams (completing his hat-trick) Lloyd Williams, Lee Byrne and the

impressive Alun Wyn Jones.

All in all, 12 record-breaking touchdowns and a bonus point not only matched South Africa's effort against the unfortunate Namibians, but also put Wales firmly in sight of their quarter final objective, with only Fiji (who lost 7-27 to Samoa) to come in Hamilton on Sunday.

Given such a decisive 81-7 victory, it may seem churlish to point out that no-one should get too carried away.

Lowly Namibia had already been 'softened up' by a string of pulverising defeats and a punishing Pool D schedule.

Moreover, there were times in the first half when old Welsh problems were in danger of resurfacing - careless handling errors, lapses in concentration, indiscipline, and lack of a Kiwi-like 'killer instinct' - all of which have cost them dear in



ABOVE: Lloyd in full flow.

the past. To their credit, the players took heed of the halftime 'pep talk', and knuckled down in the second half, their superior fitness ensuring it was one-way traffic as the hapless Namibians were buried under yet another World Cup points avalanche.

Every one of those points, though, will prove absolutely vital for a burgeoning Welsh side that is growing in confidence as the tournament progresses.

This time, unlike 2007, Fiji should hold no fears as Gatland's men push on towards the quarter finals and a likely Celtic clash with Ireland.

Dazzling display of power and finesse puts Barry in charge

IT is many years since these two sides have met so the visitors were something of an unknown quantity.

The weather last Saturday was dull, dry and windless - perfect for running rugby.

The home side elected to play against the slope in the first period, and from the outset, it was apparent that Barry were determined to play with intent and accuracy.

After 10 minutes this had its reward, Adams rounding off a fast and skilful movement by the backs, with the long range conversion rebounding from a post.

The visitors had a particularly evasive inside centre in one of the Boobyer family, whose attacking prowess was causing problems.

After 15 minutes, he escaped the clutches of the Barry defenders to dive over near the post, making the conversion a

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formality. The home side retained their composure after this set-back.

With the line-out and ruck working smoothly, the forwards set up an attacking position for Hardy to orchestrate a good try by Lee, who added the extras from the touchline.

The forwards were now controlling proceedings, giving the half-backs and three-quarters something of an armchair ride. Busuttil and Jones in the centre were taking full advantage.

A fracas near the top touchline gave the referee no option but to show yellow cards to a player from each side. Nearing the end of the half, Gee crossed for a deserved try, which was converted by Lee for a half time score of 19-7 in favour of the home team.

It was clear from the resumption that Barry

had decided not to let the visiting danger man have the space he enjoyed in the first half.

Hadfield and Brown were particularly effective in cutting down his options. Tanner was introduced at this stage and was soon making his presence felt.

Lee's second and Barry's fourth gave them the welcome bonus point. The added extras put the home XV comfortably in the box seat.

Another yellow card to Barry did not upset their rhythm and with Hardy the fulcrum behind a dominant pack, they smoothly worked Ryan over in the corner, with Lee's kick sailing over from wide out. Midway through this half, Lee must have thought Christmas had come early as he sniped over for his third touch-

down of the afternoon.

He then duly added the extra points.

Bridgend Sports fought back manfully and got their reward with a converted try. However, they were hit by a late barrage from the home team.

Fine forward play, against rapidly tiring opponents, produced two more late tries by Williams and Manford, both of which were converted by scrum-half Lee.

This fine performance was a result of every player, starters and replacements, giving total commitment to the cause of the team.

Team: Hunt, Gee, Hollister, O'Sullivan, Degaura, Hadfield, Brown, H.Jones, Lee, Hardy, Williams, Busuttil, J.Jones, Adams, Ryan, Parker, Evans, Tanner, Manford.

This Saturday, Barry travel to Abercwmboi with the coach leaving the club at 12.30pm.

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Ten-man Dinas battle back to grab share of the spoils

DINAS came back from a goal down twice in this game and had to play the last 35 minutes with 10 men following Mathew Trotman's dismissal for a second bookable offence.

Both sides had early opportunities, with Joe Hinds having a header on goal cleared for the visitors and Village's Rhys Whitelock's 20-yard shot beaten away by keeper Damien Lack.

Early on, Dinas were guilty of giving the ball away too cheaply, with the home side taking advantage when Lack again had to get fists to a powerful shot from Dayle Selvage.

For the visitors, Ricki Morgan was prominent with some excellent close control to ease his way through the defence before feeding Mathew Trotman. His cross forced a corner that almost brought a goal when a defender's attempt at a clearance struck his own crossbar, the ball falling for Trotman to shoot but saved by Mark Snell in the Village's goal.

Immediately the ball was transferred to the other end, with the referee awarding a penalty to the home side for a trip in the area. Ashley Richards struck the ball well, Lack got a hand to the ball but only succeeded in pushing the ball back to Richards, who tapped the ball into the empty net.

Dinas responded with some excellent passing and one cross-field ball found Morgan on the

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right side, his ball into the area giving Joe Hinds a chance to head for goal, only to see a defender clear his effort.

The two combined a couple of minutes later and again it was Hinds getting in his shot, only to see it beaten away by the keeper. Dinas' response had been excellent and boded well for a comeback in the second-half.

The comeback seemed to be scuppered after just 10 minutes when Trotman was sent off, leaving Dinas with what seemed an insurmountable task.

The home side almost got a second when a Richard Cleverly corner was met by Luke Thomas but the defence did its job, clearing the ball off the line.

A moment of madness by the home keeper almost gifted Dinas an equaliser when he rushed out of his area to tackle Joe Hinds, who was chasing a long ball.

Hinds managed to get round him and crossed for Liam Jeremy, who headed towards an empty goal, only to see defender Dai Rimmer head the ball clear.

The Village's Richard Howell struck the visitor's crossbar before Dinas got the equaliser they deserved.

A deep cross into the area found Joe Hinds challenging the keeper, with the ball falling for Chris Hinam and he made no mistake

with a 15-yard shot into the net.

Both sides had further chances before the Village again took the lead, good build-up seeing Dayle Selvage's accurate cross reach Craig Spring, who rose above the Dinas defence to head in.

With a few minutes left, Dinas manager Phil Clay sent on fresh legs in Joe Briscoombe and Richard Yarr, and this had the desired effect, with Briscoombe bursting through the home defence to meet a Ricki Morgan pass and blast the ball past the keeper to give Dinas the share of the points their attitude and hard work thoroughly deserved.

This Saturday, Dinas entertain Builth Wells of the Spar Mid Wales League in the first round proper of the Welsh Cup, Dinas having already negotiated two qualifying round matches; kick off is at 2.30pm.

Squad: 1. Damien Lack, 2. Steve Provis, 3. Mike Lewis, 4. Chris Hinam, 5. Dave Penkett, 6. Jordan Phillips, 7. Ricki Morgan, 8. Kyle Offer, 9. Jo Hinds, 10. Mathew Trotman, 11. Liam Jeremy.

Subs: 12. Rhys Davies, 14. Joe Briscoombe, 15. Richard Yarr.

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